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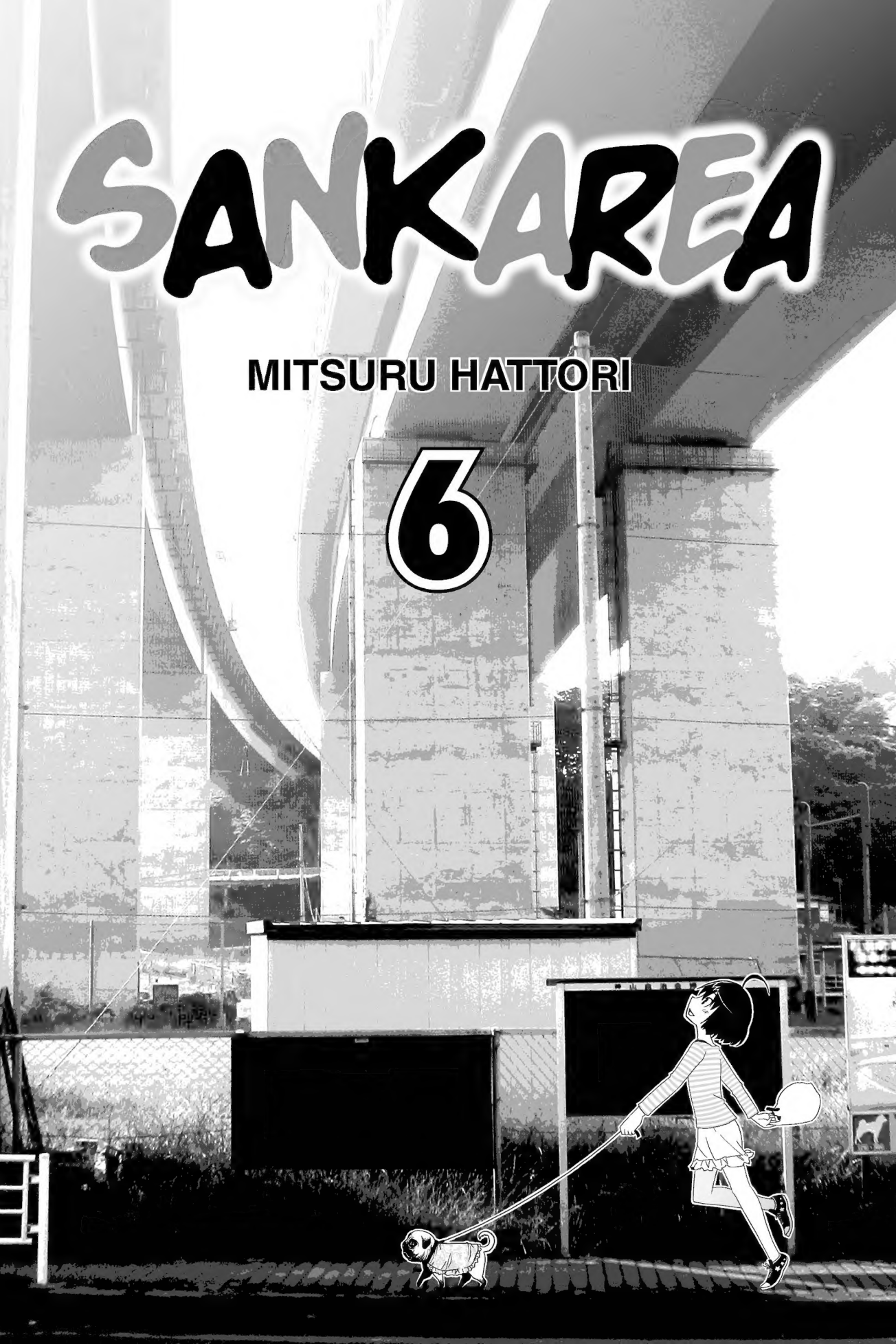

Kurumiya Darin Arciento

An expert in zombie research who came to Japan from the southern islands to visit "Professor Boyle" (Grandpa). She has a strange passion for her research. Despite her looks, she's younger than Rea.

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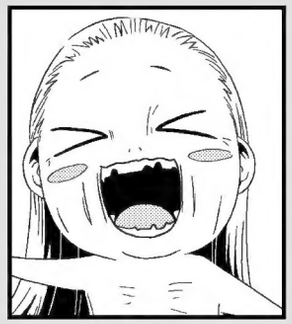
Darin's faithful pet. It's been zombified and half-mechanized.

THE FURUYA FAMILY

Dad

His real name is Furuya Dohn. He's the head priest at Shiryohji Temple. He agreed to Rea and Darin living in their home, saying only, "Should be fine, right?"



Grandpa

The most mysterious organism (?) of all in "Sankarea". Apparently he has studied zombies at an overseas research facility in the past...

Bub

He was hit by a car and died, but came back to life thanks to the elixir Chihiro and Rea made.

Furuya Mero

A reliable first-year middle school student, she manages all the housework for the Furuya family. She loves to read the Heart Sutra.

STORY

Rea begins to devour Chihiro and as he faces death, Chihiro's honest feelings are revealed with the words, "I've...always loved you..." Miraculously, Rea, who had fallen into the "turbid period," regained her senses, and now thinks that she would like to stay longer. Chihiro once again promises to protect Rea but Ranko can't stand Chihiro's lack of concern for his own life, and summoning all her courage, tells Chihiro of her feelings for him, which she kept hidden until now.

Furuya Chihiro

A first-year student at Shiyoh Public High School, he's an unusual boy who has loved zombies ever since he was small. He is currently trying all kinds of different things to protect Rea. He once became a half-zombie after Rea bit him.

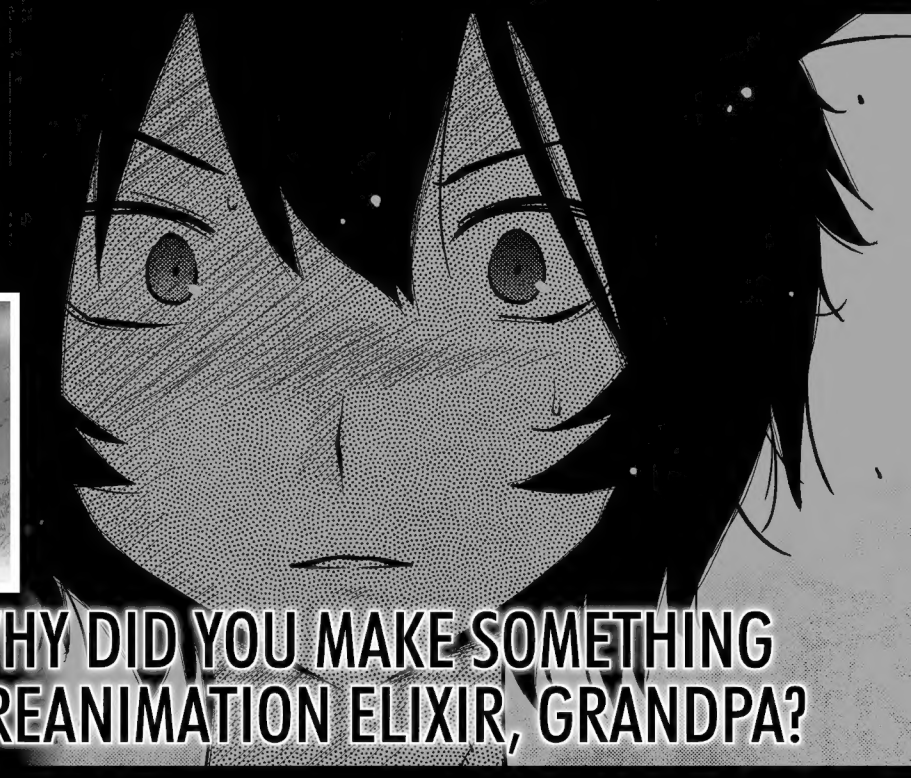
Saohji Ranko

Chihiro's cousin and childhood friend, she's one year above him in school, and a second-year student at Sanka Girls'. She's a perky, energetic girl who is on the tennis team. Her nickname is "Wanko."

Sanka Rea

A first-year student at the private Sanka Girls' Academy, she's the daughter of a well-known family, but fell to her death trying to escape her father. Afterwards, she returned to life as a zombie girl! She's currently living with the Furuya family.

MITSURU HATTORI presents



...JUST WHY DID YOU MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THE REANIMATION ELIXIR, GRANDPA?

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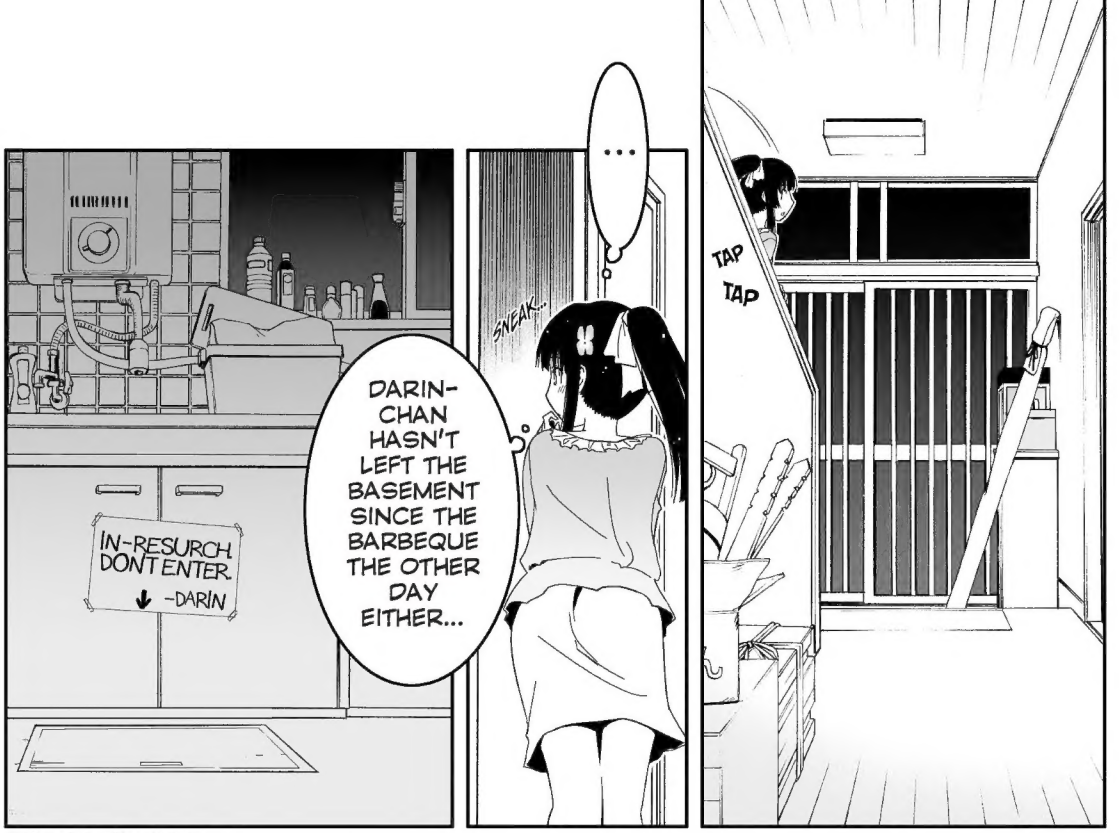
FRI...ENDS...

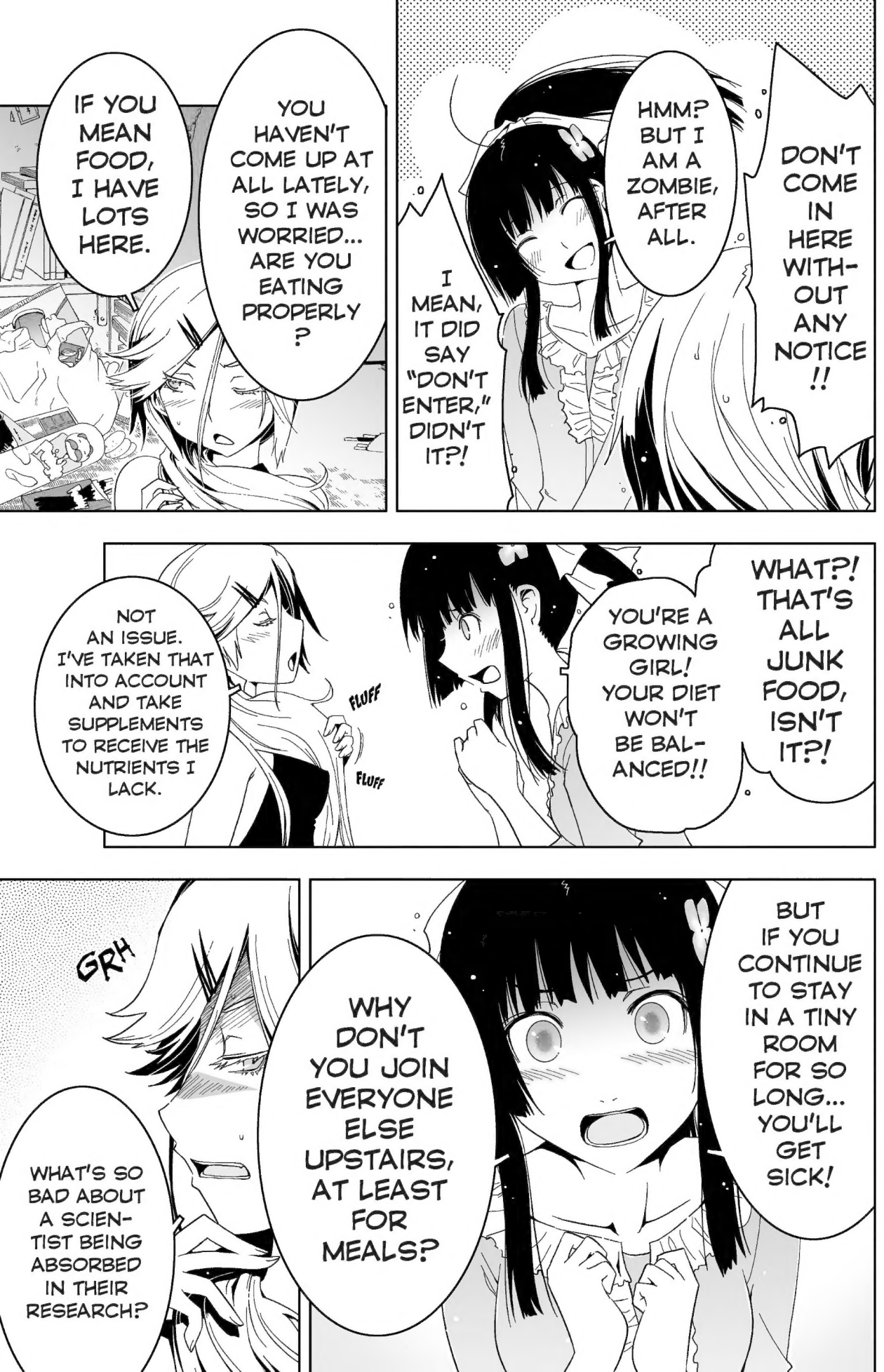
✦✦✦✦ ZOMBIO ✦✦✦✦

sign: NAMU AMIDA BUTSU – 4-2 Furuya Mero



She's bad at writing Japanese.

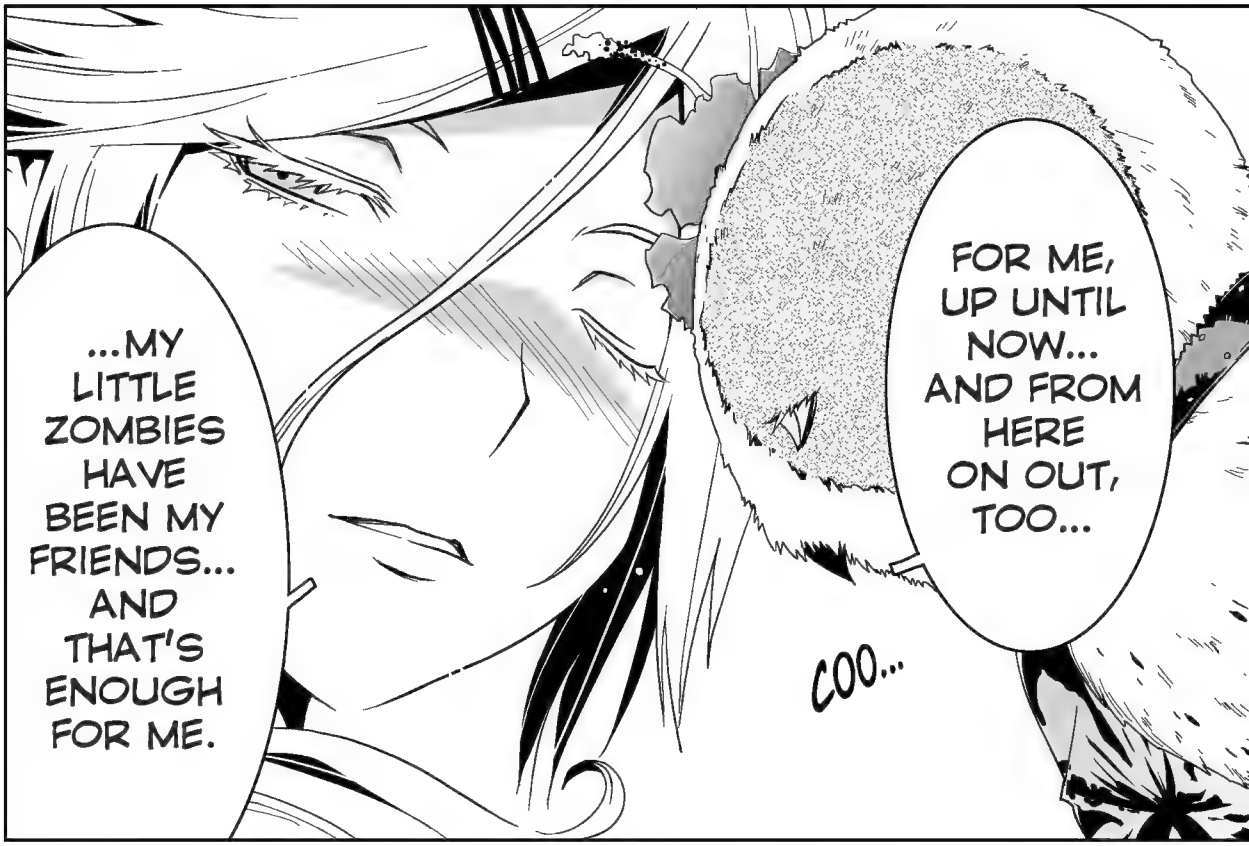
mutter
mutter
EVEN IF I TRY TO GET ANSWERS FROM HIM, I WON'T BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY USEFUL DATA...
AND HERE IN JAPAN, I CAN'T CONDUCT LARGE-SCALE SCANNING TESTS LIKE AT THE RESEARCH CENTER ...
mutter
mutter
mutter
mutter
FOR A ZOMBIE WHOSE CELLULAR ACTIVITY HAS CEASED TO "RECOVER" FROM THE TURBID PERIOD...
mutter
mutter
mutter
SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS, I...
STARE...
EHE. GOOD EVE-NING.
GASP
...


DON'T COME IN HERE WITH-OUT ANY NOTICE !!
HMM? BUT I AM A ZOMBIE, AFTER ALL.
I MEAN, IT DID SAY "DON'T ENTER," DIDN'T IT?!
YOU HAVEN'T COME UP AT ALL LATELY, SO I WAS WORRIED... ARE YOU EATING PROPERLY ?
IF YOU MEAN FOOD, I HAVE LOTS HERE.
WHAT?! THAT'S ALL JUNK FOOD, ISN'T IT?!
YOU'RE A GROWING GIRL! YOUR DIET WON'T BE BAL-ANCED!!
FLUFF
FLUFF
NOT AN ISSUE. I'VE TAKEN THAT INTO ACCOUNT AND TAKE SUPPLEMENTS TO RECEIVE THE NUTRIENTS I LACK.
BUT IF YOU CONTINUE TO STAY IN A TINY ROOM FOR SO LONG... YOU'LL GET SICK!
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN EVERYONE ELSE UPSTAIRS, AT LEAST FOR MEALS?
GRH
WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT A SCIEN-TIST BEING ABSORBED IN THEIR RESEARCH?

LIKE GOING SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRIENDS, CHATTING AT CAFES, GOING TO KARAOKE ...
USE-LESS.
REJECTED
BUT... YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE MORE TIME TO ENJOY THE THINGS THAT ONLY YOU AS A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL CAN DO.
LIKE WHAT, FOR EXAM-PLE?
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO WASTE MY PERSONAL LIFE WITH THOSE SORTS OF THINGS ?
IT'S MORE BENEFICIAL FOR ME TO LOOK OVER THE MOST RECENT RESEARCH PAPERS INSTEAD.
What a pain.
I HATE THOSE KINDS OF USELESS HUMAN RELATION-SHIPS.
WHA-AAT?
That was quick...

FL FLAP
WAH!
TWEEEE
BU... BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS... AREN'T YOU LONELY?
FWOOSH
SINCE I WAS LITTLE ...
...I'VE MOVED FROM RESEARCH FACILITY TO RESEARCH FACILITY, ALL AROUND THE WORLD...
...LIVING IN EACH PLACE WITH MY SCIENTIST FATHER.

EVEN IF I WENT TO SCHOOL, I WOULD ONLY BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR A FEW MONTHS, SO I COULDN'T MAKE FRIENDS OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT.
OF COURSE, I HAD MUCH MORE FUN HELPING MY FATHER AND PROFESSOR BOYLE WITH THEIR RESEARCH.
AND SINCE I WAS SURROUNDED BY ZOMBIES, I WASN'T LONELY AT ALL.


FOR ME, UP UNTIL NOW... AND FROM HERE ON OUT, TOO...
COO...
...MY LITTLE ZOMBIES HAVE BEEN MY FRIENDS... AND THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.

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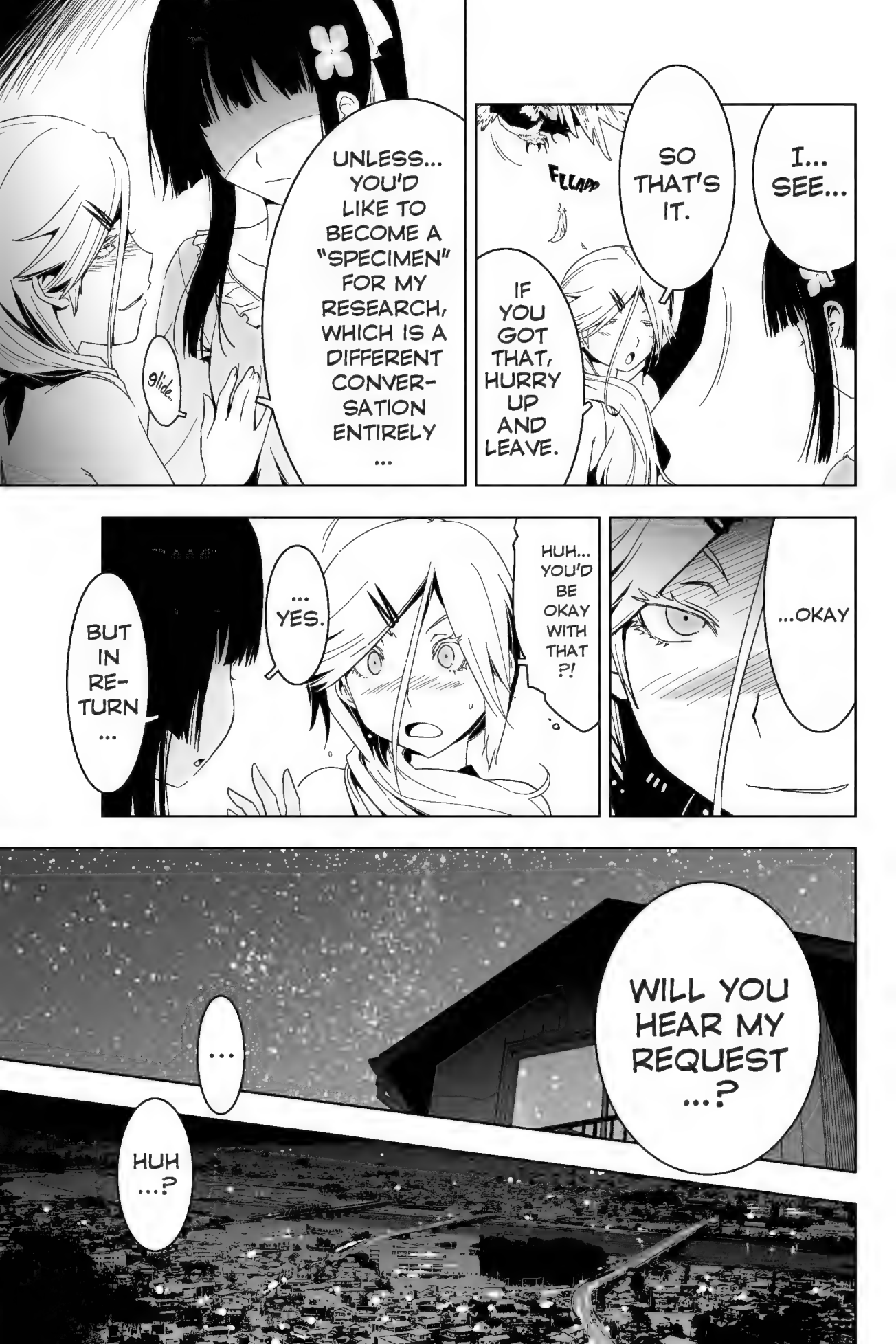

UNLESS... YOU'D LIKE TO BECOME A "SPECIMEN" FOR MY RESEARCH, WHICH IS A DIFFERENT CONVER-SATION ENTIRELY ...
glide
FLLAPP
SO THAT'S IT.
I... SEE...
IF YOU GOT THAT, HURRY UP AND LEAVE.
BUT IN RE-TURN ...
... YES.
HUH... YOU'D BE OKAY WITH THAT ?!
...OKAY
HUH ...?
...
WILL YOU HEAR MY REQUEST ...?

GLARE...
IT REALLY, REALLY SUITS YOU !!
WA-HHH !
- In the shopping center.
...WHY DO WE NEED TO COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS AND BUY CLOTHING ?
BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS WEARING THE SAME CLOTHING, DARIN. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES.
WHISH
I HAVE SEVERAL OF THE SAME PAREO SO THAT I DON'T WASTE TIME EACH DAY PICKING OUT CLOTHING !!
HUH, BUT ISN'T THAT BORING?
BORING HAS NOTH-ING TO DO WITH IT.

BUT YOU HAVE SUCH AN ADORABLE, DOLL-LIKE FIGURE. IT'S SUCH A WASTE.
SHKK
DON'T CALL ME ADOR-ABLE!! I'M GOING HOME !!
AW, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HONOR MY REQUEST THEN YOU CAN FORGET THE PROMISE I JUST MADE...
TWITCH
... NH.

TWIRL
THAT'S RIGHT, LET'S BUY YOU A NÉGLIGÉE ...
...FOR BED-TIME !!
NÉG-LI-GÉE ...?
I DON'T NEED THAT. I'M ALWAYS SLEEPING IN MY PAREO...

THAT WON'T DO! YOU'LL WRINKLE YOUR CLOTHING LIKE THAT.
I ACTUALLY WANTED A NÉGLIGÉE TOO, SO LET'S BUY MATCHING ONES!
HUH?! YOU'RE A ZOMBIE SO YOU DON'T EVEN SLEEP, RIGHT ?!

?

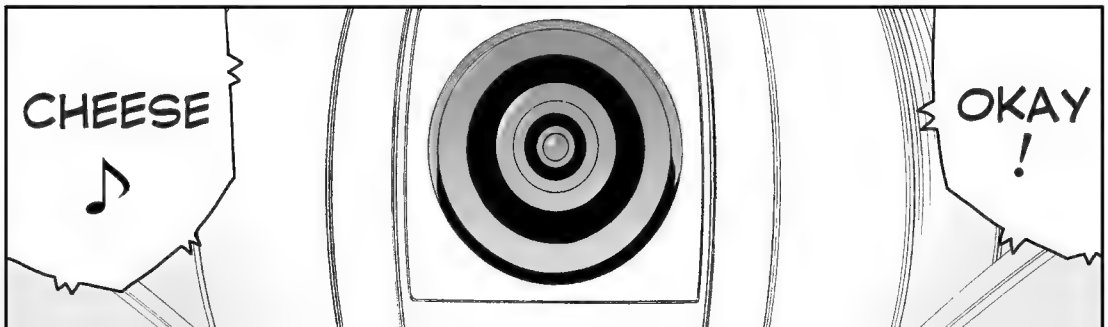
Ah!

I wonder if a sleeveless one is better.

IT'S DECID-ED !!

LADY'S

Towa is guarding the bags.



DARIN ♥ REA
Friends Forever♥
TE HE HE.
HOW WAS THAT, DARIN-CHAN?

THIS IS PRETTY FUN, RIGHT?
...WE WASTED TOO MUCH TIME!!

TAP
TAP
WELL, IT DID SERVE AS A SMALL BREAK FROM THINGS ...
THAT'S GREAT. LET'S GO TOGETHER AGAIN NEXT TIME.
...
NEXT TIME ...?
WHOOH...
YOU SAID... THAT YOU'D BECOME A "SPECIMEN"... DIDN'T YOU?
OOOMMMM...
VOOOOOO
IN SHORT, AFTER THIS ...
...I WILL PERSONALLY TAKE YOU APART, WHICH MEANS YOU'LL NEVER AGAIN...
HUH ...?

he he
BUT AFTER YOU TAKE ME APART ...
...YOU'LL RETURN ME TO NORMAL, WON'T YOU?
HUH?! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!
I'M GOING TO BE MESSING WITH YOUR BRAIN, SO THERE'S NO WAY I CAN RETURN YOU TO NORMAL.
HUUH? IS THAT TRUE ?!
...
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
WELL... THIS IS ALL AS I EXPECTED... IT CAN'T BE HELPED, SO I'LL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME.
'Cause you said okay so easily after all.
IT WOULD STILL BE A BIT UNFORTUNATE TO TAKE APART A SAMPLE LIKE YOU AT THIS POINT.
TWIRL
G... GREAT. THANK YOU !!
... BUT.

SO... IF A TIME COMES WHEN THE TURBID PERIOD OCCURS AGAIN ...
...IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO TAKE ME APART, DARIN-CHAN...
AT THIS RATE, I'M GOING TO RELAPSE AGAIN AT SOME POINT, AREN'T I?
THAT TUR-BID PERI-OD...
AND IT'S NOT LIKE THE DE-CAY HAS STOPPED OR ANY-THING EITHER ...
GLIDE...

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT...
CLANG
creee

I'M HO-
Slide...
AH, WEL-COME HOME, FURUYA-KUN.
Welcome back!
WHAT'S THIS? RARE FOR YOU TO BE OUT ALL NIGHT.
... NH ?!
HNNN ?!
WHY ARE YOU EAT-ING WITH EVERY-ONE?!
TEHEHE, FROM TODAY ONWARD DARIN-CHAN IS GOING TO BE EATING WITH EVERY-ONE.
SOME-THING WRONG WITH THAT ?
Here too.
SNEAK
W... WHAT HAPPEN-ED...?!
In just one night...
IT'S A SE-CRET.
...
DARIN
REA
Friends forever
ZoMA

SSSHHHHH
JUNE 8TH. CLEAR SKIES, FOLLOWED BY RAIN.
SANKAREA
IT'S ALREADY BEEN 18 DAYS...
...SINCE REA BECAME A ZOMBIE.
HEY, FURU-YA-KUN?
HM?
WHAT DID YOU DO WHEN YOU WENT TO WANKO-SAN'S HOUSE THE OTHER DAY?
OHH-HHH... NO, WE, UH...
JUST WATCHED A DVD, PLAYED SOME GAMES ...
STARE
HMM ...

...WELL, BOYS DO PREFER WOMEN WITH LARGER CHESTS, AFTER ALL.
...
W- WHAT IS IT? ARE YOU DOUBT-ING ME...?!
HMPH
NOT REAL-LY.
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
!!
IT WOULD ALSO BE PRETTY GREAT IF A ZOMBIE GIRL HAD A LITTLE MORE BOUNCE IN THAT AREA...
HM HM HMMMM
SSSHHHH
NHHU...
NHHU...
...I AM PRETTY SMALL AFTER ALL.
HHHHHHHH
...
AFTER THE RUINS, REA'S SENSES SEEM TO HAVE STABILIZED.

WELL THEN
SSSHHHHHH
HOW ABOUT BUB ...?

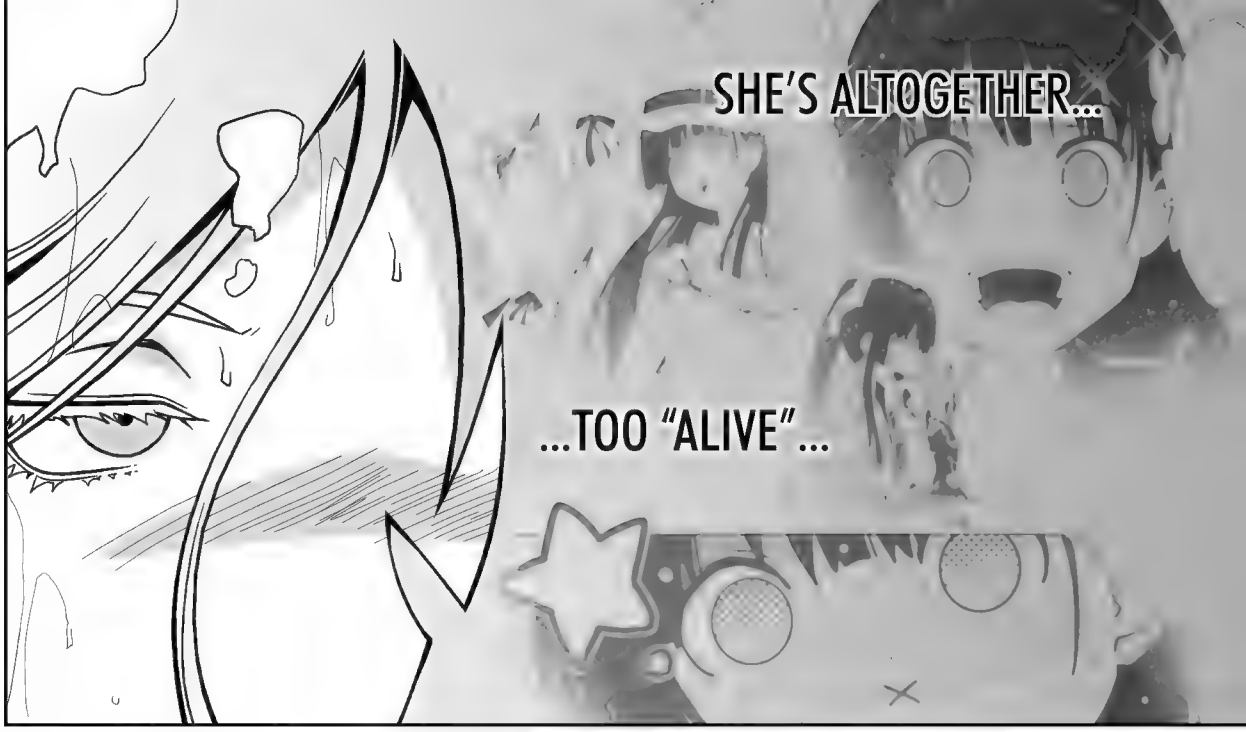
26 ZOMBIE'S... INSTINCTS...

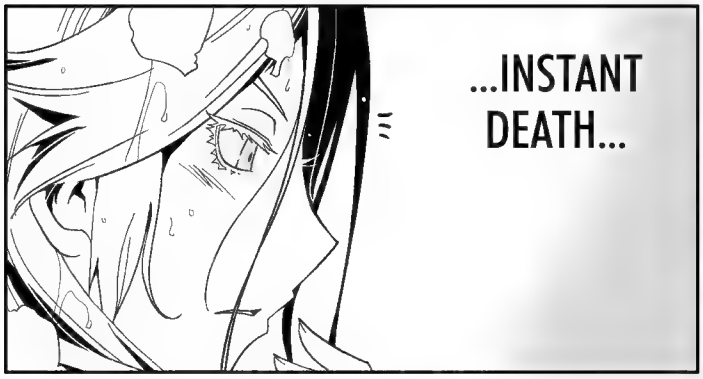
✦✦PET SEMATARY TWO✦✦

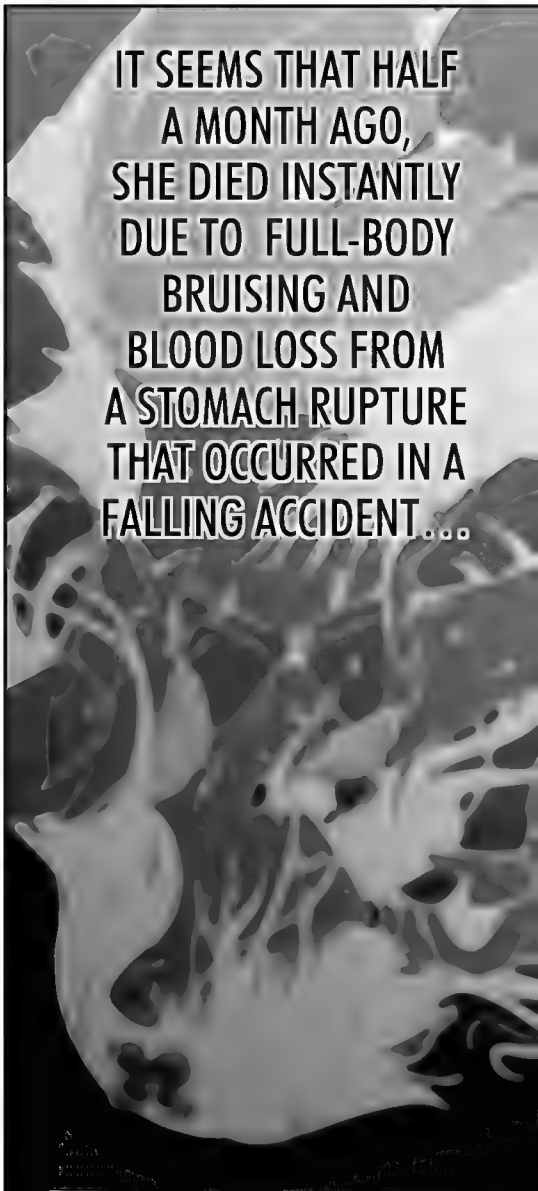
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT IT...
EHE, BUB-CHAN IS UP THERE A LOT, ISN'T HE?
CLACK
CLACK
hmff
hmff
CLACK
CLACK
IS SOME-ONE IN THE BATH RIGHT NOW?
DARIN-CHAN JUST WENT TO TAKE A BATH A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
SLOW
OH, ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GOING IN WITH HER ?!
ehehe
NO WAY.

WELL THEN, I WONDER IF I SHOULD GO IN WITH DARIN-CHAN.
Is that okay, Mero-chan?
GO AHEAD
nnbu
hhb
BUB ...
glide...
...
OH... IT'S NO-THING.
IS SOME-THING THE MAT-TER?

I'M REALLY JUST OVER-THINKING THIS...
Could you come down already?
nhbuhh
Aw, what's wrong with that?
... RIGHT?
SOME-THING IS DEFINITELY STRANGE.
SSSHHHHH
EVEN IF HER ACTIVENESS IS STEMMING FROM A REACTION TO HER LIFE BEFORE DEATH...

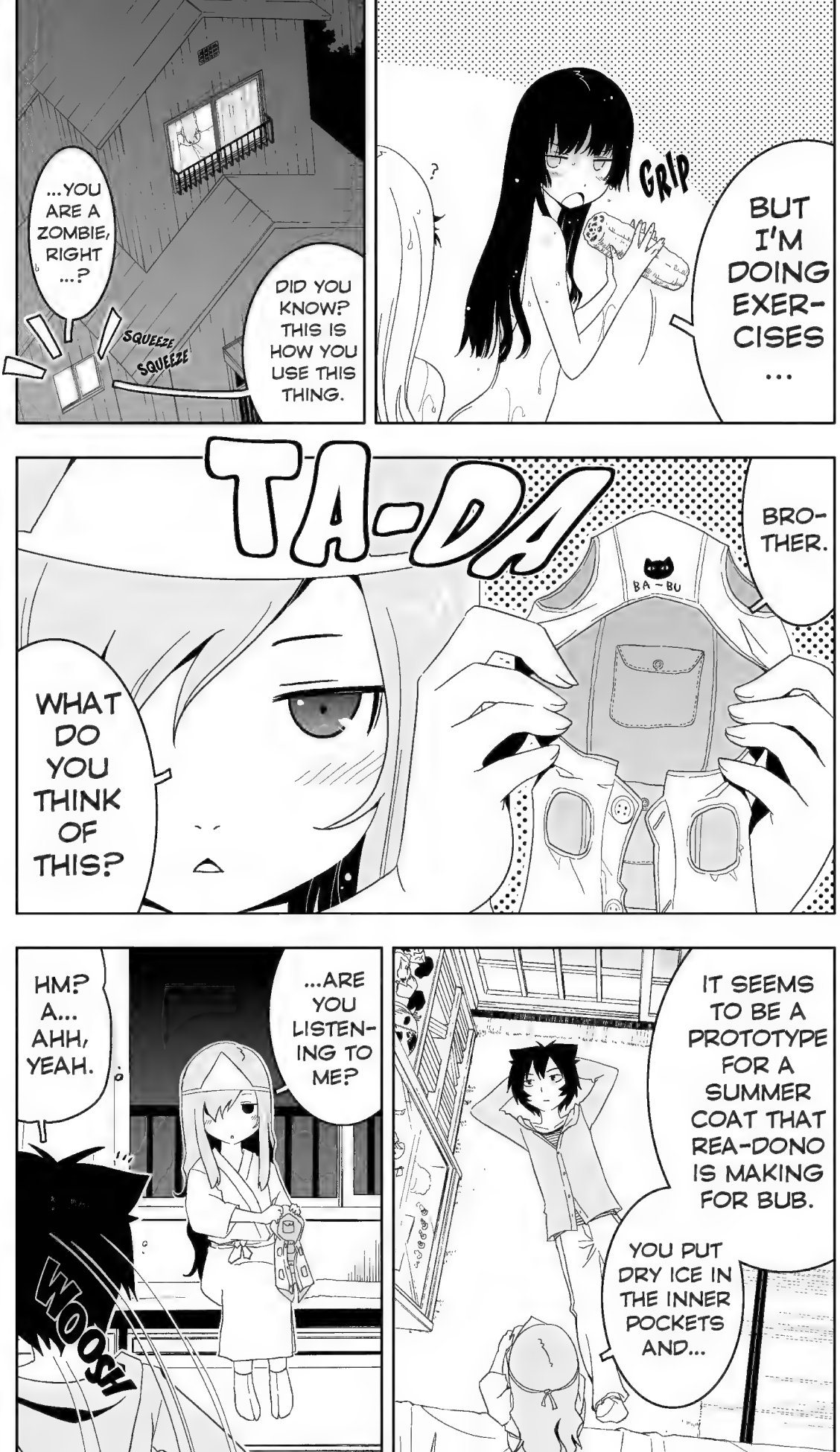

SHE'S ALTOGETHER...
...TOO "ALIVE"...


...INSTANT DEATH...


IT SEEMS THAT HALF A MONTH AGO, SHE DIED INSTANTLY DUE TO FULL-BODY BRUISING AND BLOOD LOSS FROM A STOMACH RUPTURE THAT OCCURRED IN A FALLING ACCIDENT...

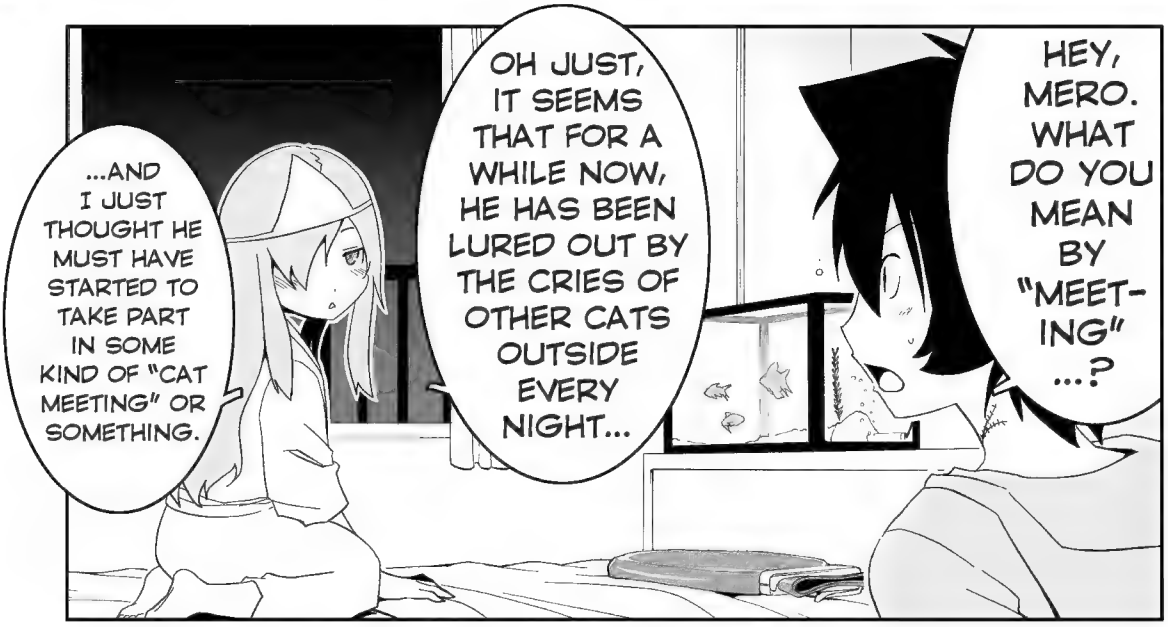
glide...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, JUST WHEN EXACTLY DID SHE TAKE THE REANIMATION ELIXIR...

PAT
GUESS WHO?
BWAH
EEEH-HEEEK?!
...HEY, WHY ARE YOU COMING IN HERE UNINVITED?
HUH, I THOUGHT IT COULD BE NICE TO TAKE A BATH TOGETHER FROM TIME TO TIME...
STARE
HOW NICE IT MUST BE FOR YOU, DARIN-CHAN.
YOUR SIZE, SHAPE, AND COLOR ARE ALL GOOD.
NOT REALLY.
SQUISH
SQUISH
THESE THINGS DON'T SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE AT ALL.


...YOU ARE A ZOMBIE, RIGHT ...?
SQUEEZE SQUEEZE
DID YOU KNOW? THIS IS HOW YOU USE THIS THING.
GRIP
BUT I'M DOING EXER-CISES ...
TA-DA
BA~BU
BRO-THER.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?
HM? A... AHH, YEAH.
...ARE YOU LISTEN-ING TO ME?
WOOSH
IT SEEMS TO BE A PROTOTYPE FOR A SUMMER COAT THAT REA-DONO IS MAKING FOR BUB.
YOU PUT DRY ICE IN THE INNER POCKETS AND...

HE WAS ON THE ROOF UNTIL A MOMENT AGO, BUT...
DID HE GO OFF TO A MEETING AGAIN?

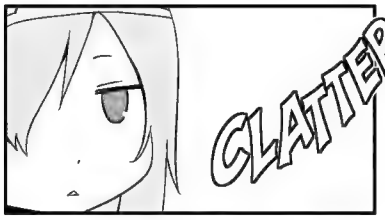
...WELL, FINE THEN. SHALL I ASK BUB DIRECTLY THEN?
HM?


HEY, MERO. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "MEETING"...?
OH JUST, IT SEEMS THAT FOR A WHILE NOW, HE HAS BEEN LURED OUT BY THE CRIES OF OTHER CATS OUTSIDE EVERY NIGHT...
...AND I JUST THOUGHT HE MUST HAVE STARTED TO TAKE PART IN SOME KIND OF "CAT MEETING" OR SOMETHING.

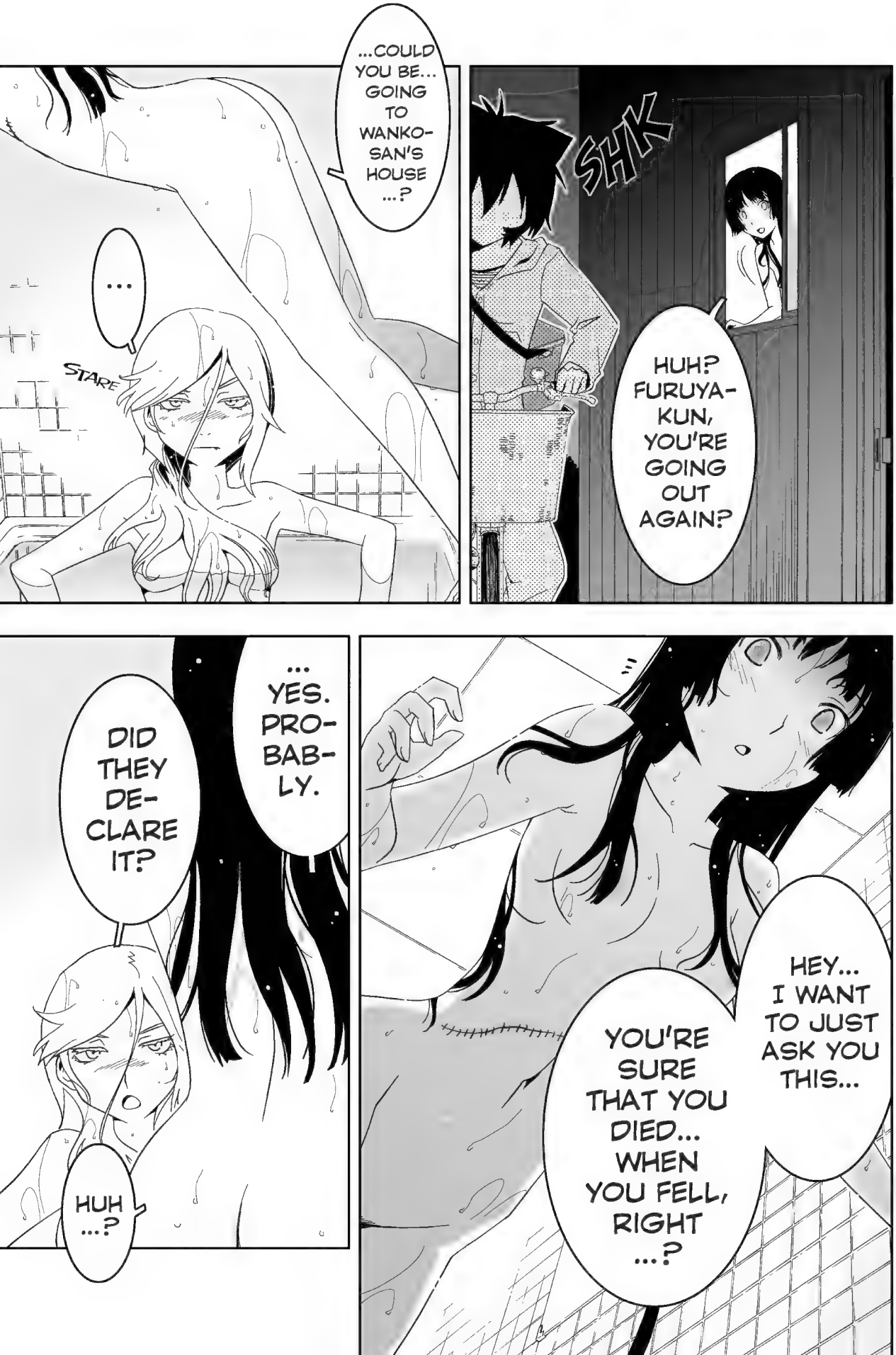
BUT THE OTHER DAY, I HEARD FROM ICHIE-DONO THAT THERE HAS BEEN A RECENT INCREASE IN PET CAT DISAPPEARANCES AROUND TOWN...
...SO I'M ALSO A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
BUMP
BA-BUMP

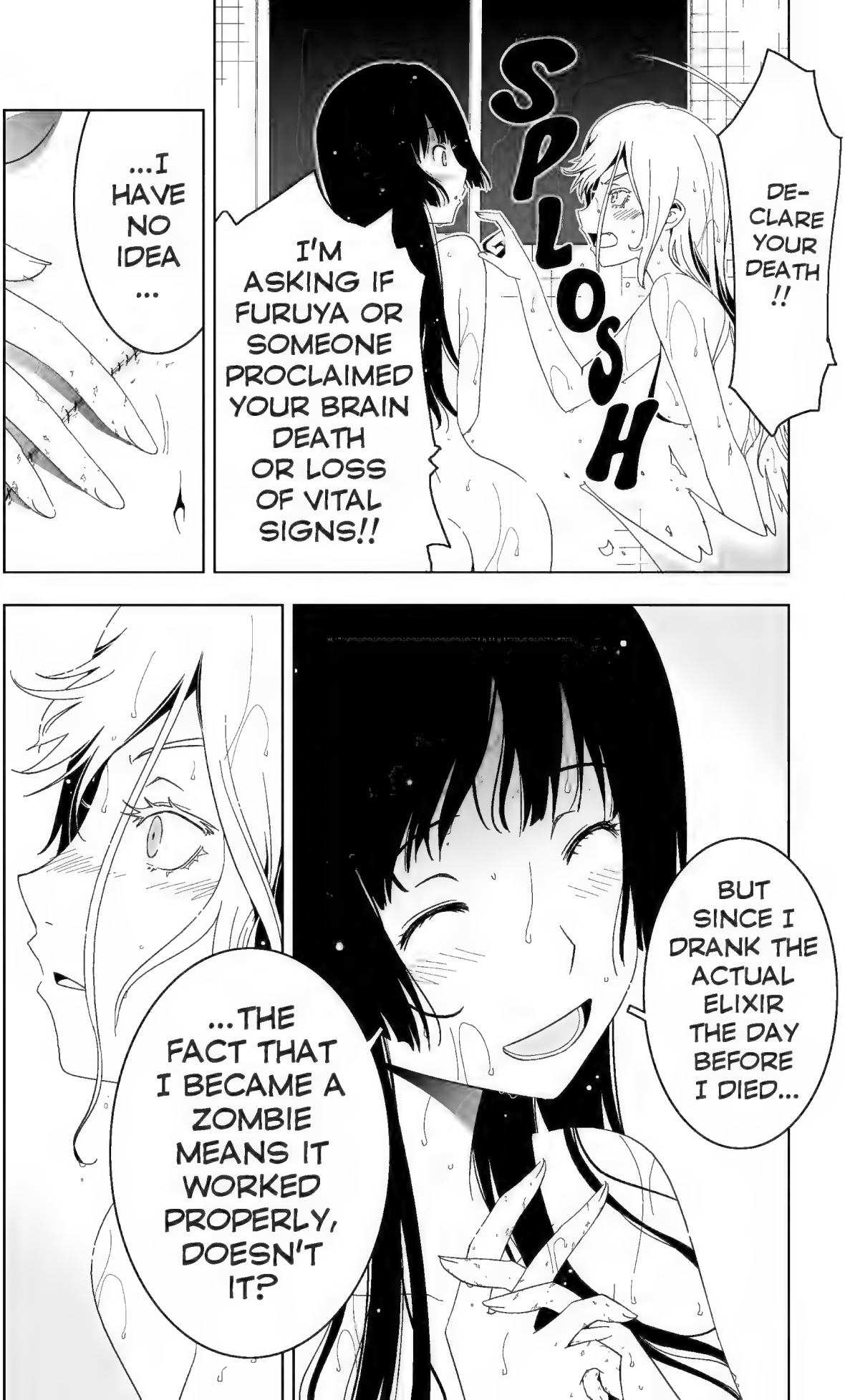
BA-
BUMP

CLANG
mm


CLATTER

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
...?
CAWAII
OF THE


...COULD YOU BE... GOING TO WANKO-SAN'S HOUSE ...?
...
STARE
SHK
HUH? FURUYA-KUN, YOU'RE GOING OUT AGAIN?
... YES. PRO-BAB-LY.
DID THEY DE-CLARE IT?
HUH ...?
HEY... I WANT TO JUST ASK YOU THIS...
YOU'RE SURE THAT YOU DIED... WHEN YOU FELL, RIGHT ...?


SPLOSH
DE-CLARE YOUR DEATH !!
I'M ASKING IF FURUYA OR SOMEONE PROCLAIMED YOUR BRAIN DEATH OR LOSS OF VITAL SIGNS!!
...I HAVE NO IDEA ...
BUT SINCE I DRANK THE ACTUAL ELIXIR THE DAY BEFORE I DIED...
...THE FACT THAT I BECAME A ZOMBIE MEANS IT WORKED PROPERLY, DOESN'T IT?

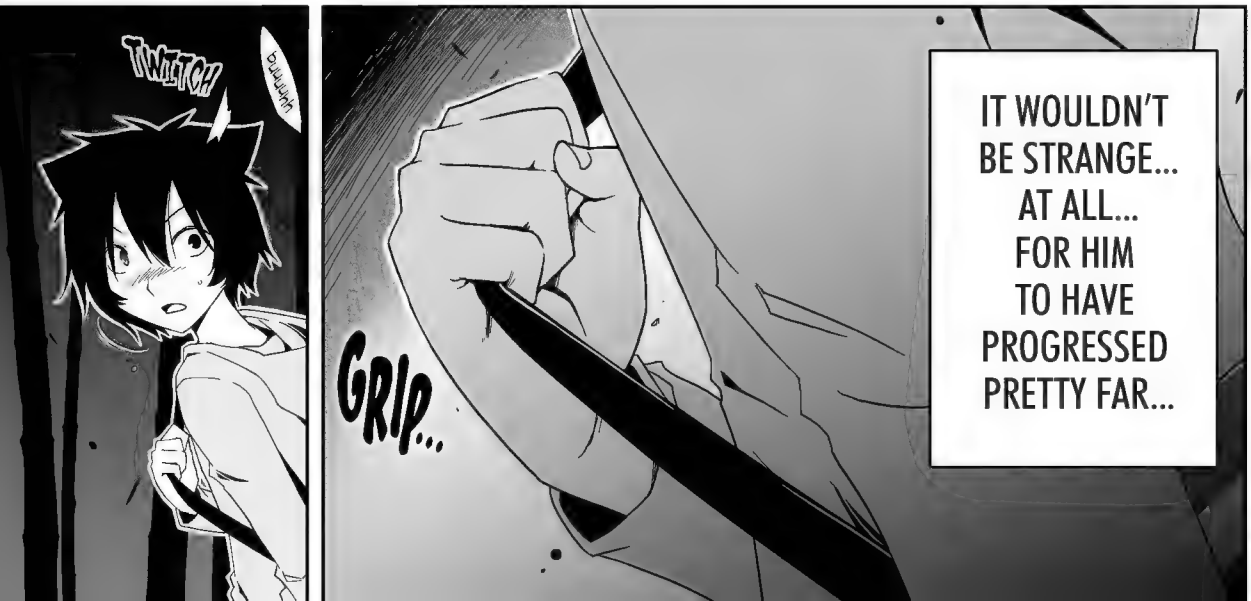
HUH ...?
JUST NOW WHAT DID YOU...
...
drip
SHHK

SKRR
SKSKRR

IT WAS CARELESS OF ME... TO HAVE ONLY WORRIED ABOUT REA...

"HE MIGHT BE SHOWING THE SYMPTOMS WHEN YOU'RE NOT THERE TO SEE."
...IT'S JUST AS DARIN SAID.

LAKE FLYING
IN BUB'S CASE...
...HE BECAME A ZOMBIE AFTER PASSING MORE DAYS IN A STATE OF DEATH THAN REA...


TWITCH
BUUUNNNG
GRIP...
IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE... AT ALL... FOR HIM TO HAVE PROGRESSED PRETTY FAR...

...
HHHHHH

SKR
SKR

...
BUB
?
SSSHHHHH!!!

REA WANTED TO BECOME A ZOMBIE OF HER OWN VOLITION...
...AND DUE TO THAT SHE WAS RELEASED FROM HER RESTRAINTS AND GAINED FREEDOM.
SKR
SKR

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

SKR
SKR
...BUT BUB...
SH SH
I WANTED TO SEE HIM MOVE ONCE AGAIN... IT WAS MY OWN EGO — MY SENSE OF SELF-IMPORTANCE — THAT BROUGHT HIM BACK TO LIFE...
SKR
...DIDN'T WANT TO BECOME A ZOMBIE.
SH
SH

...I THINK ABOUT IT FROM TIME TO TIME.
THE FACT THAT BUB BECAME A ZOMBIE...
IS HE REALLY HAPPY, I WONDER ...
...TO BE ABLE TO BE WITH US AGAIN ...?
SKR
SKR
IF...
...HE ISN'T... BEFORE HIS SYMPTOMS CAN WORSEN...
...I WOULD... BUB, YOU...
SMACK
CLK
SMK

drip...
tap...
...?!
NO... THAT'S NOT BUB...
THAT'S ...
...A FOX ...?!
It's huge...!!

...WH-WHAT THE HECK ...
HE'S SO HUNGRY THAT HE'S STEALING KITTENS ...
SK
CLK
SO THAT THING THE OTHER DAY WASN'T BUB'S DOING EITHER.
HE HASN'T BEEN ATTACKING CATS AFTER ALL...
SKR
SKR
SKR
SSSKR

?!
ZTHAA

IN BLOOD!
AGHHHH
AAAAAA

SSHHH!

hmf

hmf

...A CAT WITH HIS LIMITERS REMOVED...
hnf
hnf
...BUT WHY WOULD HE DO SUCH A...
Gulp
...CAN EASILY KILL A LARGE FOX.
BUB... YOU...
sniff...

...!!
nnbuhhbuu
ROLL
RUB
RUB
HALT
SO THAT'S WHY... YOU ATTACKED THAT FOX...
I... I GET IT. YOU... WERE TRYING TO PROTECT YOUR FRIEND ...
nnbuhhh

SMCK
MUNCH

GRK

HE JUST WANTED TO STEAL HIS FOOD... THIS IS...
SHMK
SMCK
...I WAS WRONG.
VOOOOOOOOMMM

A
ZOMBIE'S...
INSTINCT...

BUB.
...
LET'S GO HOME.
COME ON...
SMCK
SMCK
GWRAHHA
HSSSSSSS

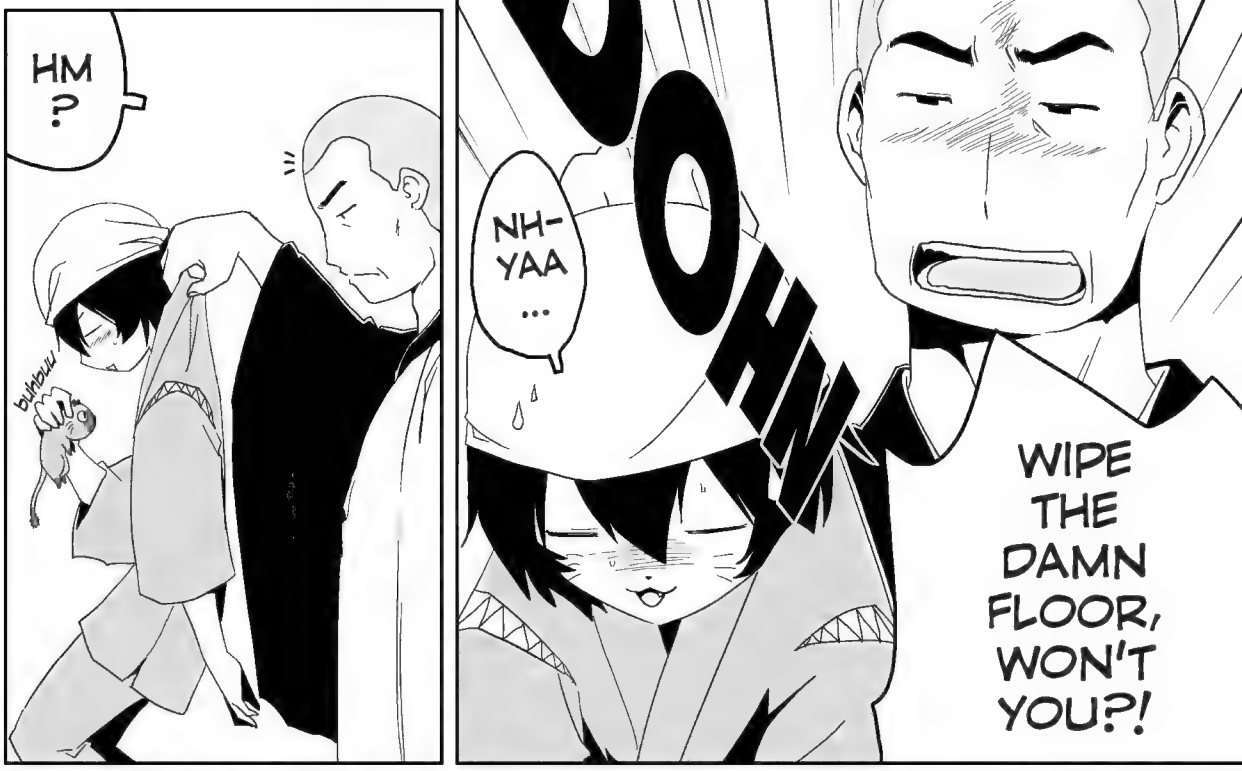
BLEED
...
...
BUB
...
SMCK
SMCK

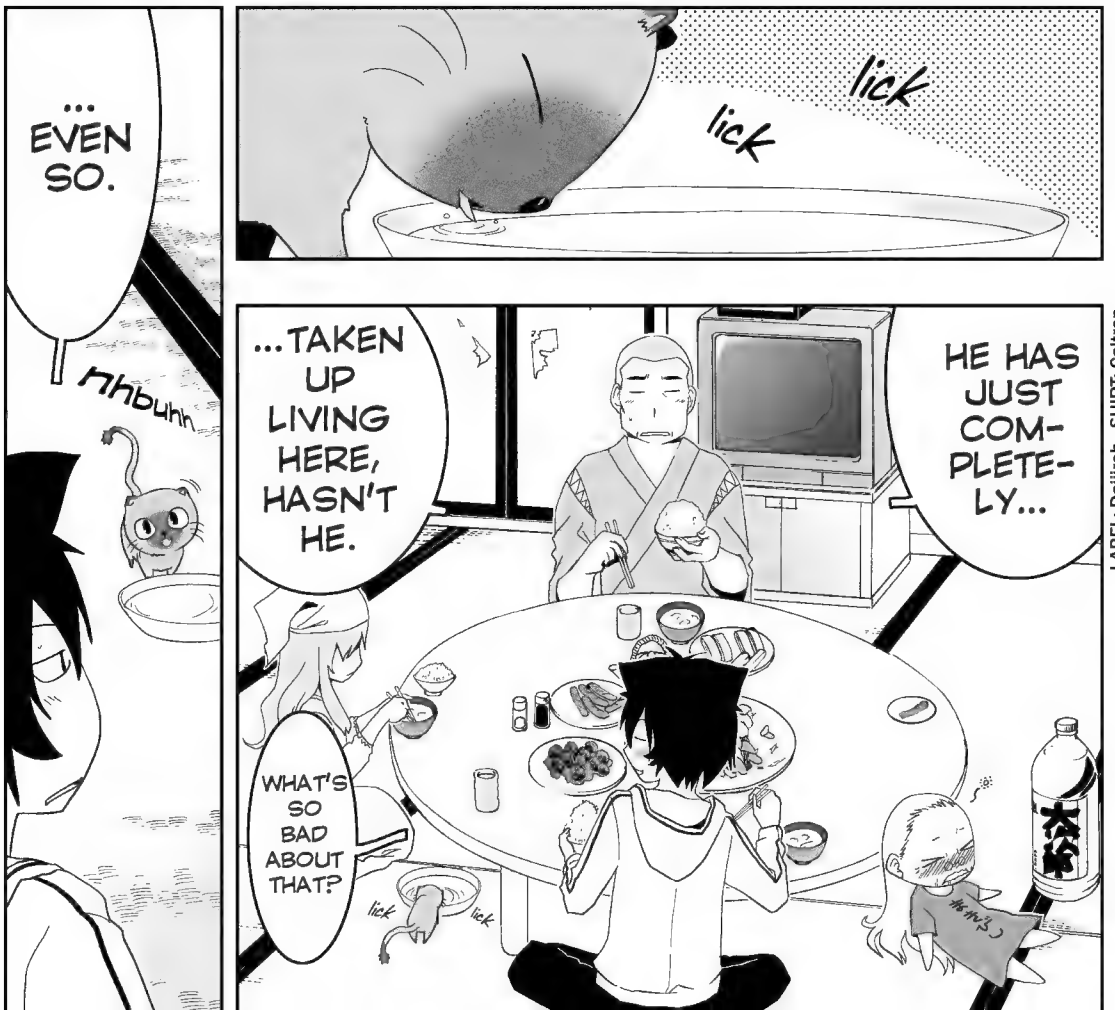
27 THOSE THINGS... CALLED ZOMBIES...

✦ ✦ DAWN OF THE DEAD (2004) ✦ ✦

BWOOOSHH
NHA... BY DOSE IS SDUFFED. A FULL-ON COLD.
EBEN WIDTH A COLD, STILL MAKING ME GLEAN THE HALL, HOW GRUEL !!
SPLOOSH
...AROUND WHAT TIME LAST YEAR ...?
WHOOSH
IT WAS ...
A-CHOO !
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
toddle
toddle
buhhby
mmmm
sssss
RUSTLE...
NHHH ?
YOU SUDDENLY POPPED UP OUT OF NOWHERE.

SNIFF
BWOOOSHH
TREMBLE
buhhbu...
toddle
toddle
TUG
NBA-HAHA, WE'RE BUD-DIES.
WHAT, DO YOU HABE A GOLD DOO?
toddle
toddle
GRAB
NHO?
HEYY!
ID'S BEDDER THAN OUD-SIDE.
SDAY IN THE HALL.
hmf
hmf





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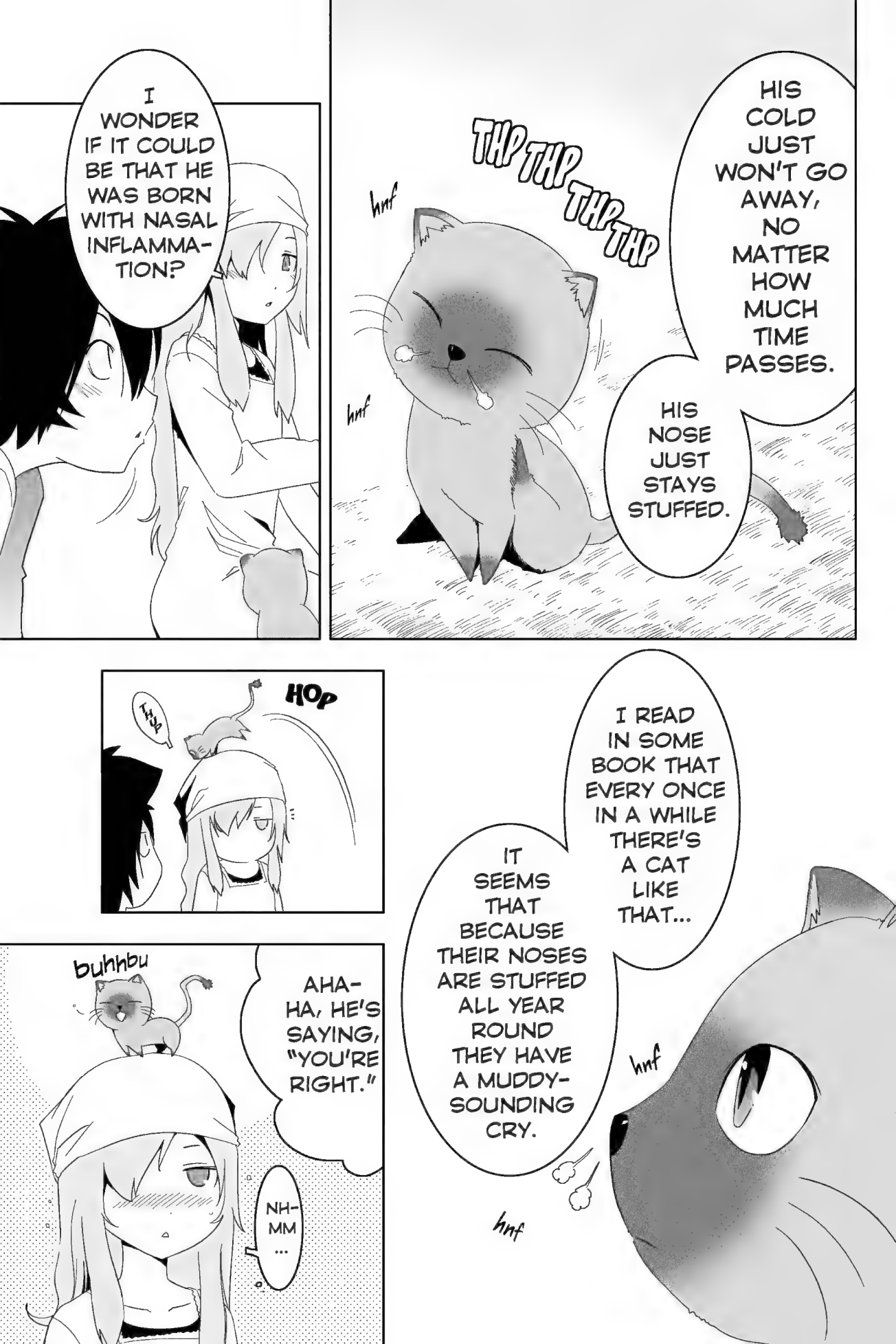
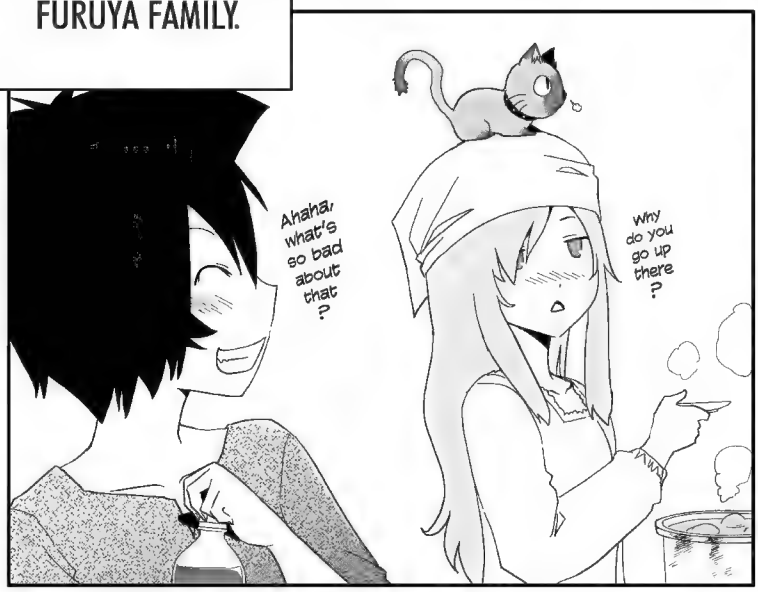
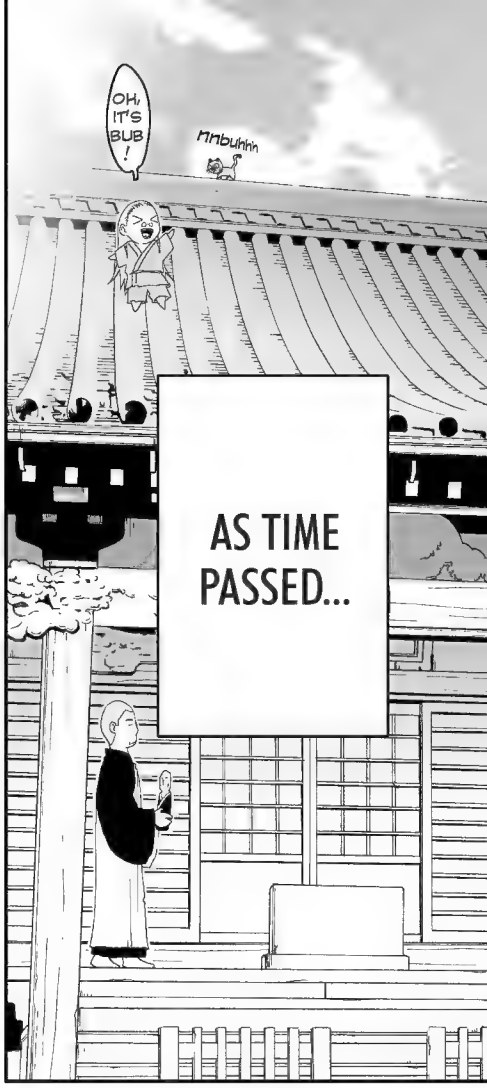

I WONDER IF IT COULD BE THAT HE WAS BORN WITH NASAL INFLAMMATION?
THP THP THP THP
hnf
hnf
HIS COLD JUST WON'T GO AWAY, NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES.
HIS NOSE JUST STAYS STUFFED.
HOP
I READ IN SOME BOOK THAT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE THERE'S A CAT LIKE THAT...
IT SEEMS THAT BECAUSE THEIR NOSES ARE STUFFED ALL YEAR ROUND THEY HAVE A MUDDY-SOUNDING CRY.
hnf
hnf
buhhbu
AHA-HA, HE'S SAYING, "YOU'RE RIGHT."
NH-MM ...

...THOUGH YOU HAD BEEN A STRAY CAT, YOU NATURALLY BECAME A FAMILIAR PART OF THE FURUYA FAMILY.





AS TIME PASSED...

...FOR THAT "SOMETHING" THAT HAD BEEN MISSING IN OUR HOME SINCE MOM DIED.

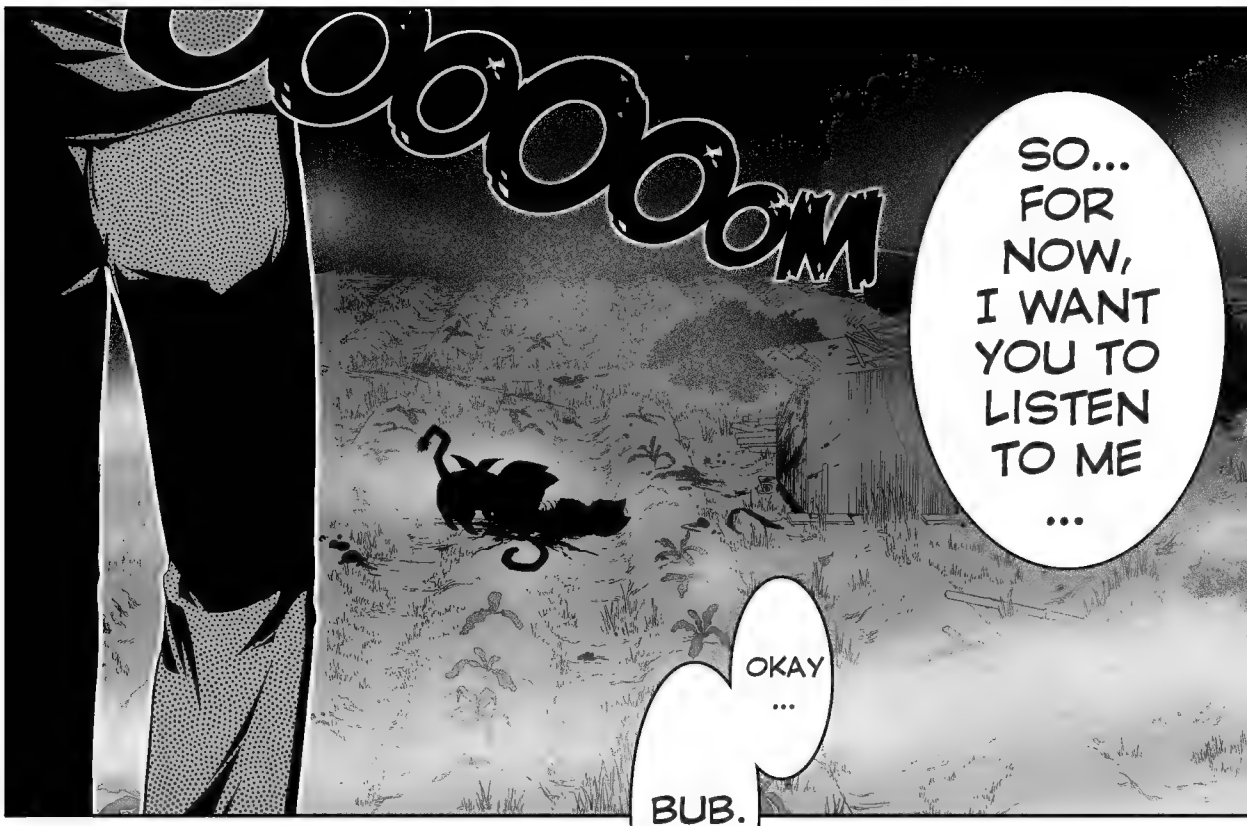
BUB, YOU HELPED FILL IN A LITTLE BIT...

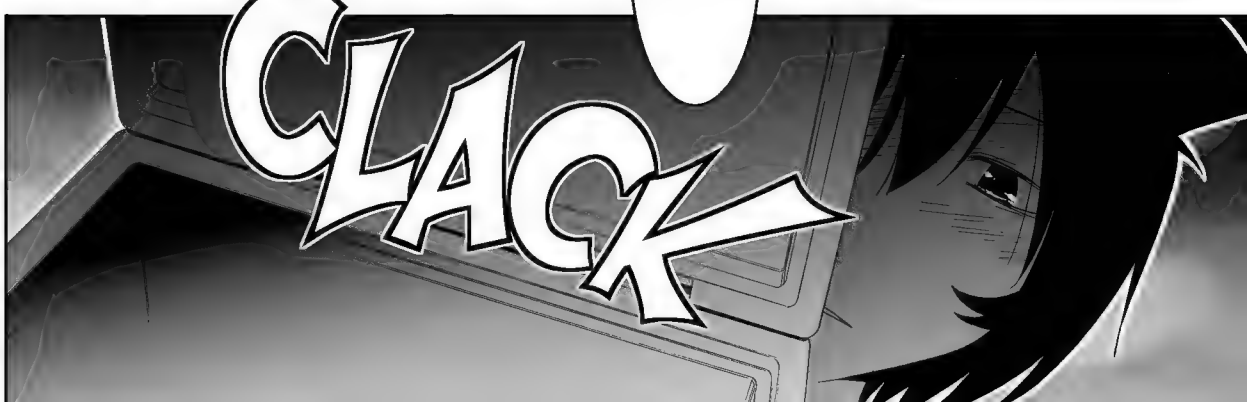
...SO ...I...
OOOOMMMM
...AFTER YOU DIED IN THAT ACCIDENT ...
...I FELT LIKE I WANTED TO...

CRUNCH
...SEE YOU MOVING ONCE AGAIN...
...
I...
CRK
CRK
CRK

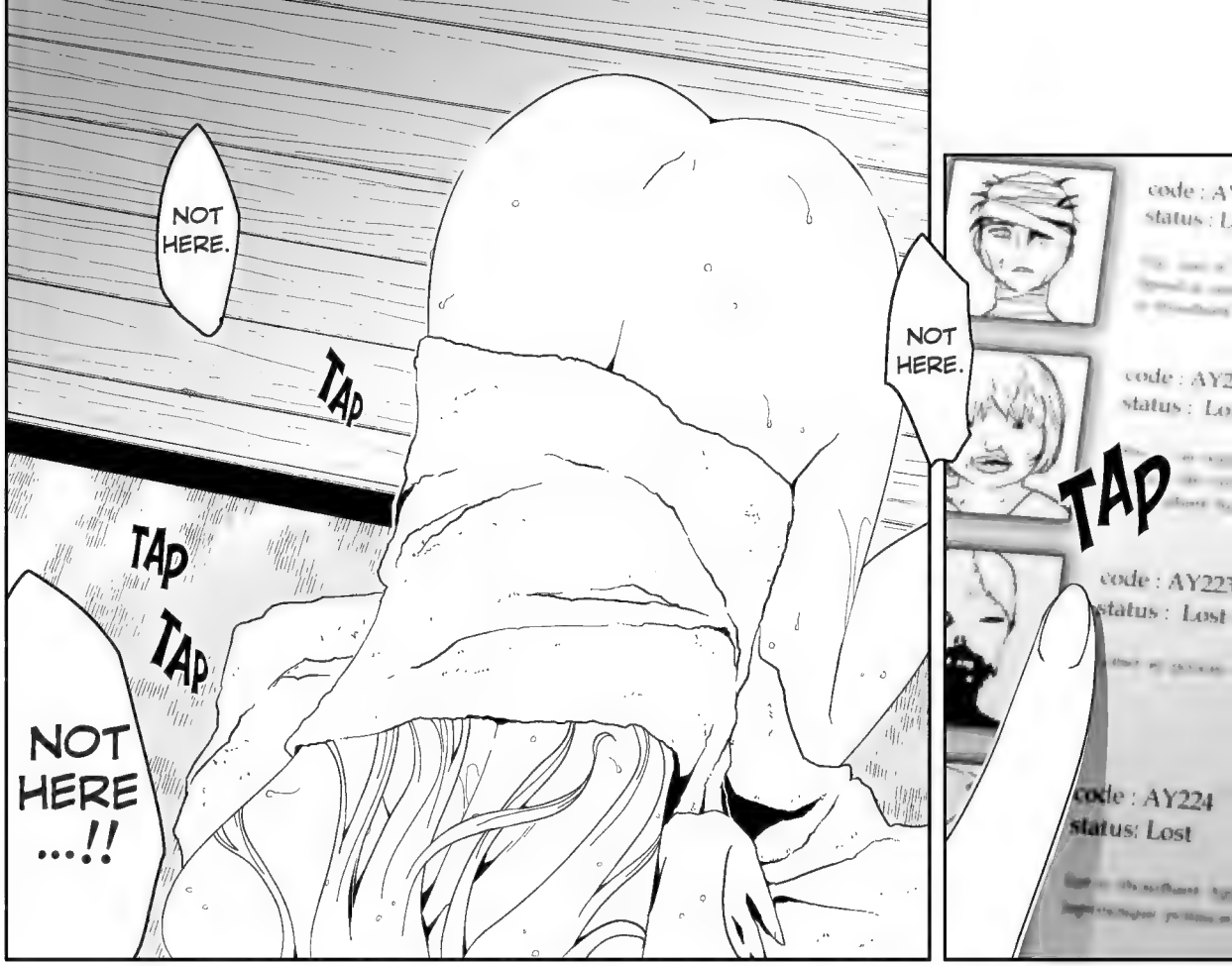
UNTIL A MOMENT AGO ...
...I THOUGHT THAT... IF YOU BECAME A CANNIBAL, I WOULD ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO STOP YOU ...
SMCK
CRKK...
BUT ...
...I JUST CAN'T DO IT ...
THIS WAY OF THINKING MIGHT BE WRONG ...
...BUT IF FROM NOW ON YOUR ZOMBIE INSTINCTS MAKE YOU EAT OTHER CATS...
...I DON'T MIND ...
AS LONG AS IT KEEPS YOU WELL ...
...I'LL LOOK THE OTHER WAY ...

Woooo
...AND YOU WON'T HAVE ANY PLACE LEFT TO GO.
...THE WHOLE TOWN WILL BE IN AN UPROAR ...
...IF THIS KEEPS UP...
BUT ...


Oooooom
SO... FOR NOW, I WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO ME ...
OKAY ...
BUB.


CLACK

LET'S GO
HOME...
TO-GETHER...
TWITCH


NOT HERE.
TAP
TAP
TAP
NOT HERE ...!!
NOT HERE.
TAP
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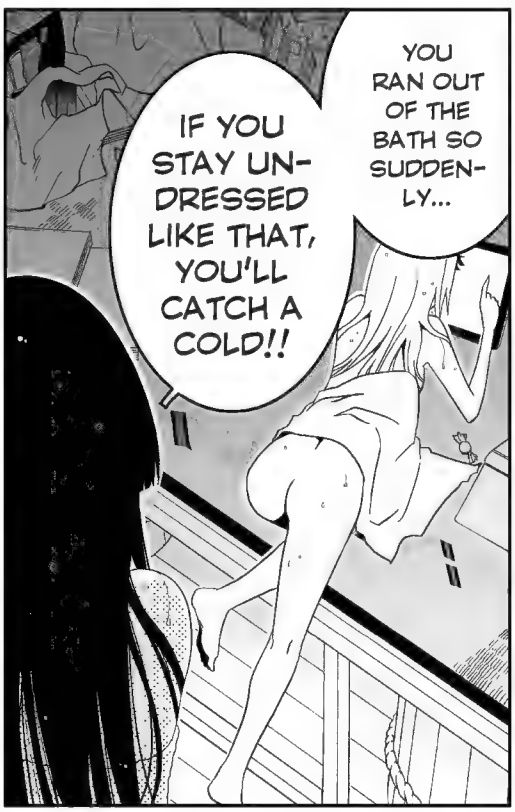
IT REALLY ISN'T HERE ...
HUH ...?

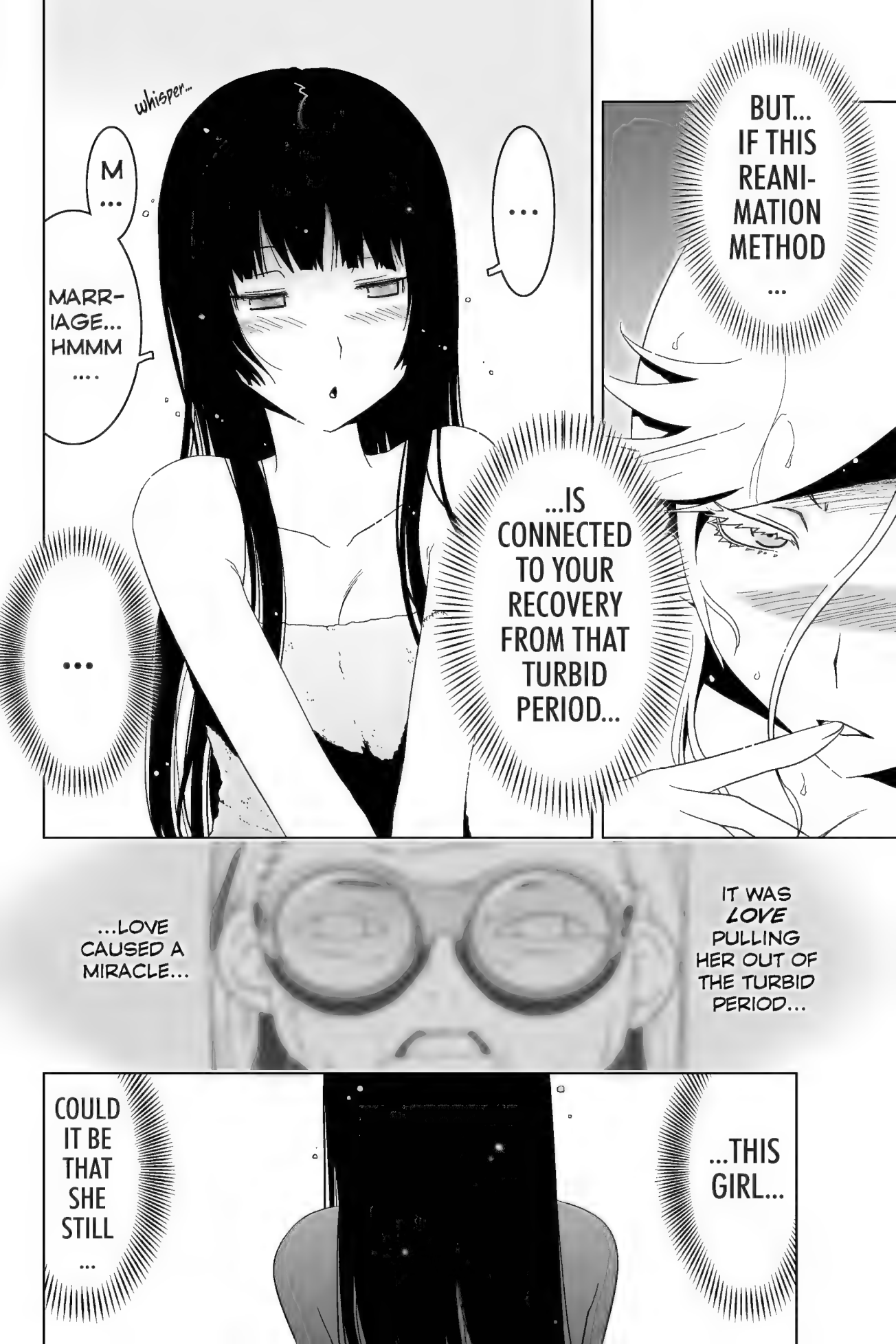

YOU RAN OUT OF THE BATH SO SUDDENLY...
IF YOU STAY UNDRESSED LIKE THAT, YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!!

CREAK
CREAK
WAIT.... DARIN-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG ?!

IT'S BEEN SAID THAT IT WAS THEORETI-CALLY POSSIBLE ...
...BUT DUE TO THE ETHICS INVOLVED ...
...A CASE LIKE THIS HADN'T BEEN TESTED YET, NOT EVEN ONCE...
mikai
"A ZOMBIE CREATED BY INTENTION-ALLY KILLING THE SUBJECT ..."
"...AFTER FIRST GIVING THEM THE REANIMATION ELIXIR WHILE STILL ALIVE" ...

...THAT'S RIGHT. YOU ARE A NEW KIND OF ZOMBIE ...!!
ONE THAT HAS YET TO BE RECOR-DED...
THIS HAS NEVER BEEN REGISTERED BEFORE IN ZOMA'S DATABASE.
WE... WELL THEN, COULD IT BE THAT I...
BUMP
BA-BUMP

GLOWW
...COULD HAVE A NEW SCIENTIFIC NAME?
NHA?
SEE, WHEN THEY DISCOVER NEW SPECIES THEY OFTEN NAME IT AFTER THE AREA WHERE IT WAS DISCOVERED, OR THE DISCOVERER'S NAME.
SO THAT MEANS, UM, IT COULD BE "SHIYOH ZOMBIE," OR HOW ABOUT "FURUYA ZOMBIE"?
AH! YOU COULD PUT MY NAME IN TOO, AND MAKE IT "FURUYA-REA ZOMBIE" OR SOME-THING ...
GASP
BU... BUT THAT SORTA MAKES IT SEEM LIKE I...
... MARRIED FURUYA-KUN OR SOME-THING...
FIDGET FIDGET
AS USUAL, THERE'S SOMETHING OFF ABOUT HER...


BUT... IF THIS REANI-MATION METHOD ...
...IS CONNECTED TO YOUR RECOVERY FROM THAT TURBID PERIOD...
whisper...
M ...
MARR-IAGE... HMMM ....
...
...
...LOVE CAUSED A MIRACLE...
IT WAS LOVE PULLING HER OUT OF THE TURBID PERIOD...
COULD IT BE THAT SHE STILL ...
...THIS GIRL...

TAP
TAP
OHH, BRO-THER, YOU CAME HOME?
I'M ALSO MAKING A COAT FOR BUB BASED ON THAT ONE FROM BEFORE, BUT...
CLATTER...
CL CL CLACK
南無阿弥陀仏
四年二組 降谷萌路
SIGN: NAMU AMIDA BUTSU – 4-2 Furuya Mero
SKR...
SKR
TAP TAP

THUMP
...!
CHI-HIRO ...?!
THUMP

NHH ...?

... DRESS-ED ...
CREAK
CREAK

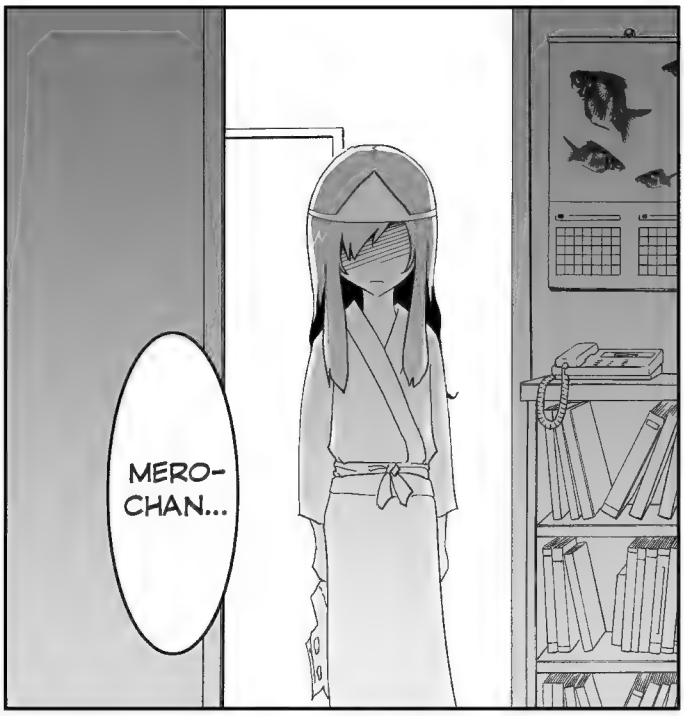
HUH ...? OH... FU-RUYA-KUN ?
JU... JUST ONE SECOND, DARIN-CHAN AND I ARE BOTH NOT...
CREAK...
WHSH
CREAK

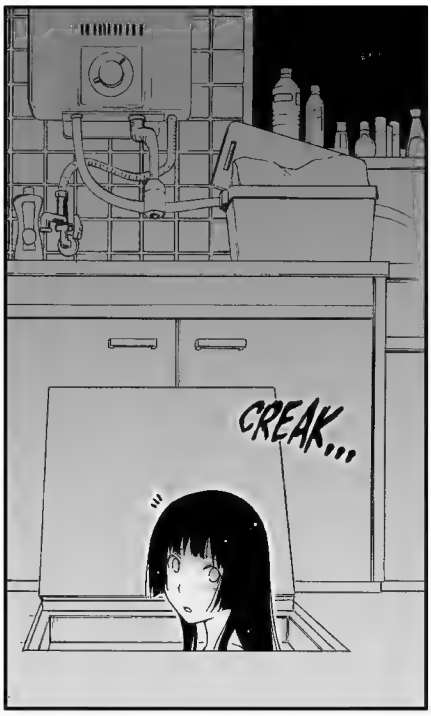
drip
drip
drip
ip...
LAKE FLYING

REA...
TAP
TAP
WHAT HAPPENED...? HOW DID YOU GET SO...
HUU-HHH... TH... THAT...

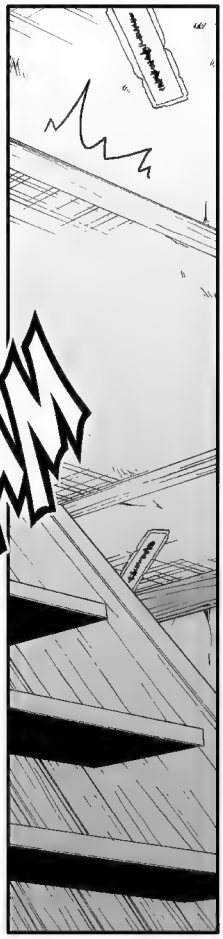
WHAT'S INSIDE THE BOX...?
WHAT ON EARTH... YOU'RE DRENCHED IN BLOOD...
I WANT TO TALK TO DARIN ALONE...
SORRY. PLEASE GO UPSTAIRS...
HUH... BUT...

PLEASE... GO UP-STAIRS...
BZTT
OH...
OKAY...
CREAK
CREAK


MERO-
CHAN...


CREAK...

SLAM



CREAK
CREAK

... WHAT ?

BASED ON YOUR APPEAR-ANCE ...

...IT SEEMS LIKE HE PUT UP QUITE THE STRUG-GLE.

...HAVE SOME-THING YOU WANTED TO SAY TO ME ?
DIDN'T YOU ...

...
YEAH.
ALL BECAUSE THAT OWL OF YOURS SHOWED UP.

DON'T MISUN-DER-STAND.
HE PRO-TECTED YOU.
IF TOWA'S SPECIAL TARGET IS IN DANGER OF BEING HARMED BY A ZOMBIE ...
...HE HAS BEEN TRAINED TO AUTOMATI-CALLY PUT A STOP TO THE ZOMBIE'S ACTIONS.
VOOOOOOOOOMMMM
LAST TIME, DUE TO THE UNEXPECTED DISASTER THAT OCCURRED AT THE RUINS, TOWA COULDN'T GET NEAR YOU...
...AND BECAUSE HE COULDN'T FORCE REA TO STOP, YOU WERE IN REAL DANGER ...
THIS TIME YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL, IT SEEMS LIKE HE FUNCTIONED CORRECTLY.
YOU ...

GRIP
EVEN SO... THERE WAS NO REASON TO GO THIS FAR, WAS THERE...?
TO DO ALL THIS... TO BUB...
YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH YOURSELF...
YOU'RE TAKING THESE THINGS CALLED ZOMBIES TOO LIGHTLY...

28 EVEN... SO...

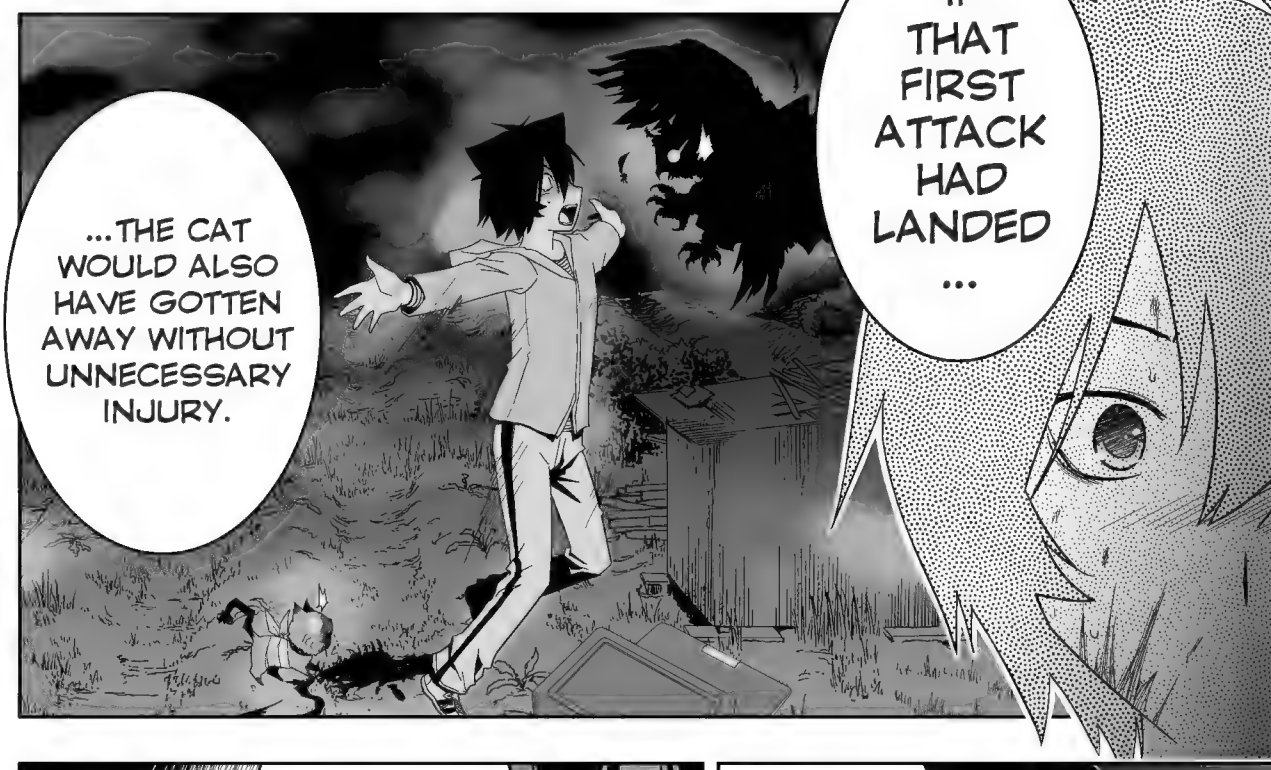
✦ ✦ ✦ DAY OF THE DEAD ✦ ✦ ✦

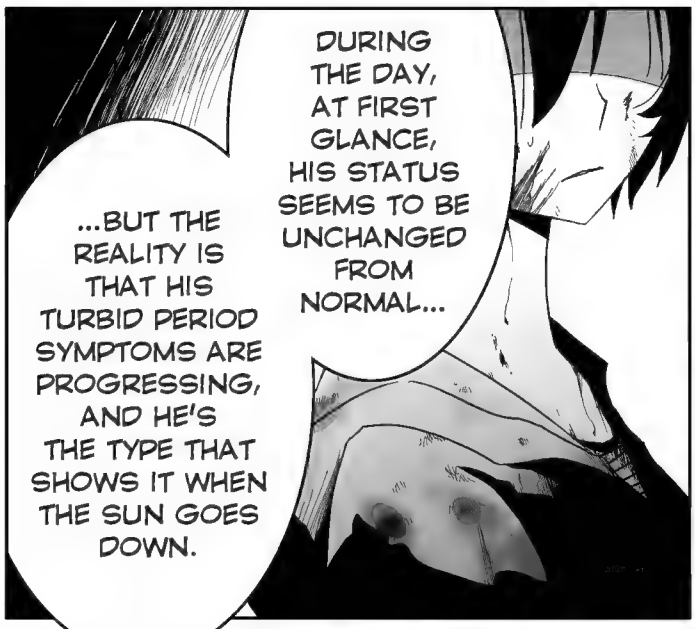
YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH YOURSELF...
...YOU'RE TAKING THESE THINGS CALLED ZOMBIES TOO LIGHTLY ...
TO A ZOMBIE IN THE TURBID PERIOD ...
... ANYONE WHO KEEPS THEM FROM FEEDING ...
...IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN ENEMY.

THE WAY THINGS WERE GOING, IF YOU HADN'T HAD TOWA'S HELP...
...YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE RIGHT NOW.
...BUB WOULD-DN'T ...

...
GH.
RISE
... WOULD DO A THING LIKE...
THERE'S NO WAY BUB...
OH MY.
glide...
YOU KNOW IT DEEP INSIDE, DON'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT. AFTER ALL...
...YOU'VE ALREADY CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF WHAT A ZOMBIE IN ITS TURBID PERIOD IS.

EVEN SO, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR YOU TO HURT BUB SO BADLY, WAS THERE ?!
...
YOU ...
...GOT IN THE WAY OF TOWA'S FIRST ATTACK, DIDN'T YOU?
!
HMPH... JUST AS I THOUGHT.
TOWA'S CLAWS HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH AN IMPROVED FORM OF A PANCURONIUM MUSCLE RELAX-ANT, CALLED "AZSD."...
IT CAN STOP THE ZOMBIE ACTIVITY IN AN INSTANT.


IF THAT FIRST ATTACK HAD LANDED ...
...THE CAT WOULD ALSO HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITHOUT UNNECESSARY INJURY.


DURING THE DAY, AT FIRST GLANCE, HIS STATUS SEEMS TO BE UNCHANGED FROM NORMAL...
...BUT THE REALITY IS THAT HIS TURBID PERIOD SYMPTOMS ARE PROGRESSING, AND HE'S THE TYPE THAT SHOWS IT WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN.

EVEN SO, THIS IS ALL JUST AS I EXPECTED.
... NGH.

I DON'T NEED THIS KIND OF EXPLANA-TION.
WELL, AFTER ANOTHER WEEK, HE WILL DEGENERATE MORE AND EVEN DURING THE DAY HE...
THOUGH THIS IS ALSO AN AREA WHERE ZOMBIES DIFFER INDIVIDUALLY, THAT CAT SEEMS TO BE RATHER REMARKABLE.

... WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE ANY-MORE...?
BUB ...
...

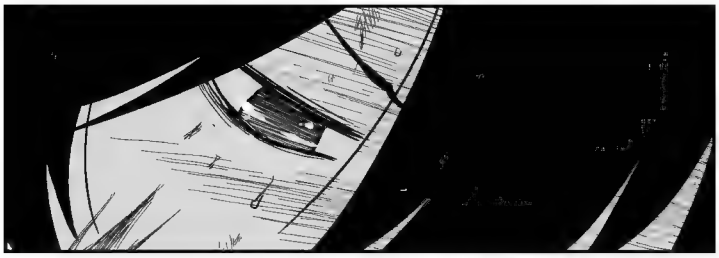
...EVEN SO, THAT WOULD BE THE CASE IF HIS PHYSICAL BODY WERE UNHARMED ...
THE DURATION OF AZSD'S EFFECTS ARE ABOUT 12 HOURS. WHEN THE DRUG WEARS OFF, HE'LL START MOVING AGAIN.

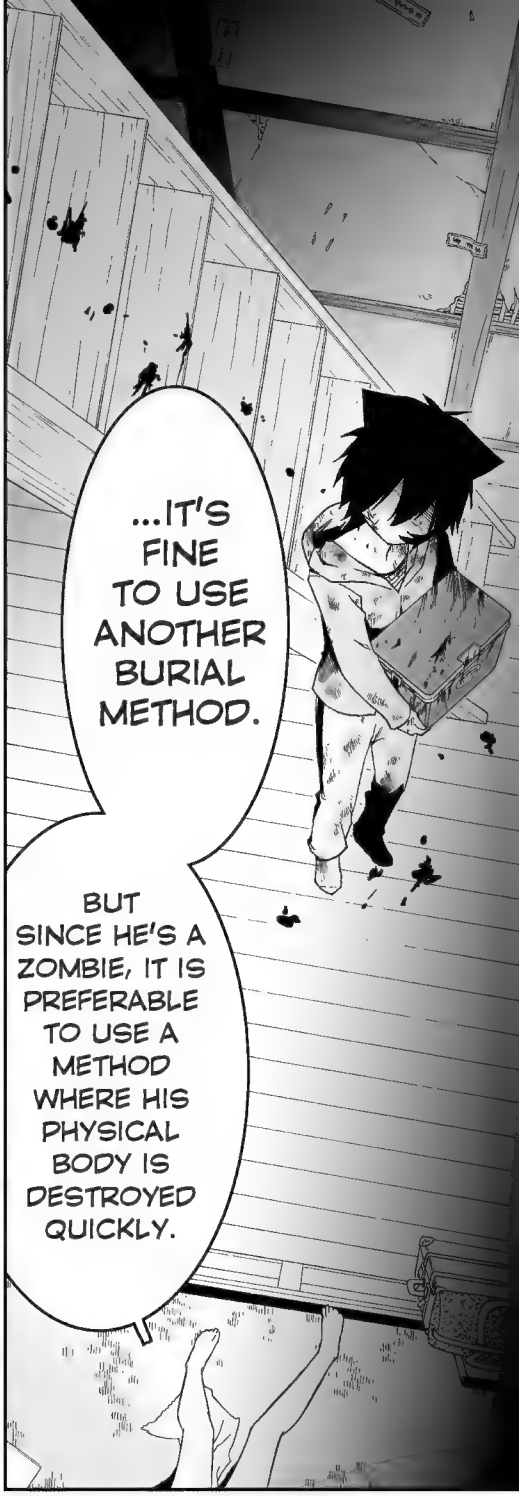
THAT CAT ...
...HAS MORE TO WORRY ABOUT THAN THE TURBID PERIOD.
BECAUSE IF HE FOUGHT SERIOUSLY WITH TOWA...
... THEN THERE'S NO DOUBT ...
...THAT EVEN WHEN THE MEDICINE WEARS OFF, HE'LL LIKELY BE IN A SITUATION WHERE HE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO MOVE PHYSICALLY.

THERE ARE ONLY THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR THAT CAT.
NUMBER ONE, WITH HIS BODY IN THAT STATE, YOU CAN WAIT OUT THE REST OF HIS TIME UNTIL HE DECAYS.
NUMBER TWO, YOU CAN "DONATE HIS BODY" TO MY RESEARCH FACILITY AND MAKE HIM HALF-MECH-ANIZED LIKE TOWA.
WHA ...
I CAN'T MAKE BUB INTO SOMETHING LIKE THAT EMOTIONLESS CYBORG OWL...
NUM-BER THREE.
CRE-MATE HIM.

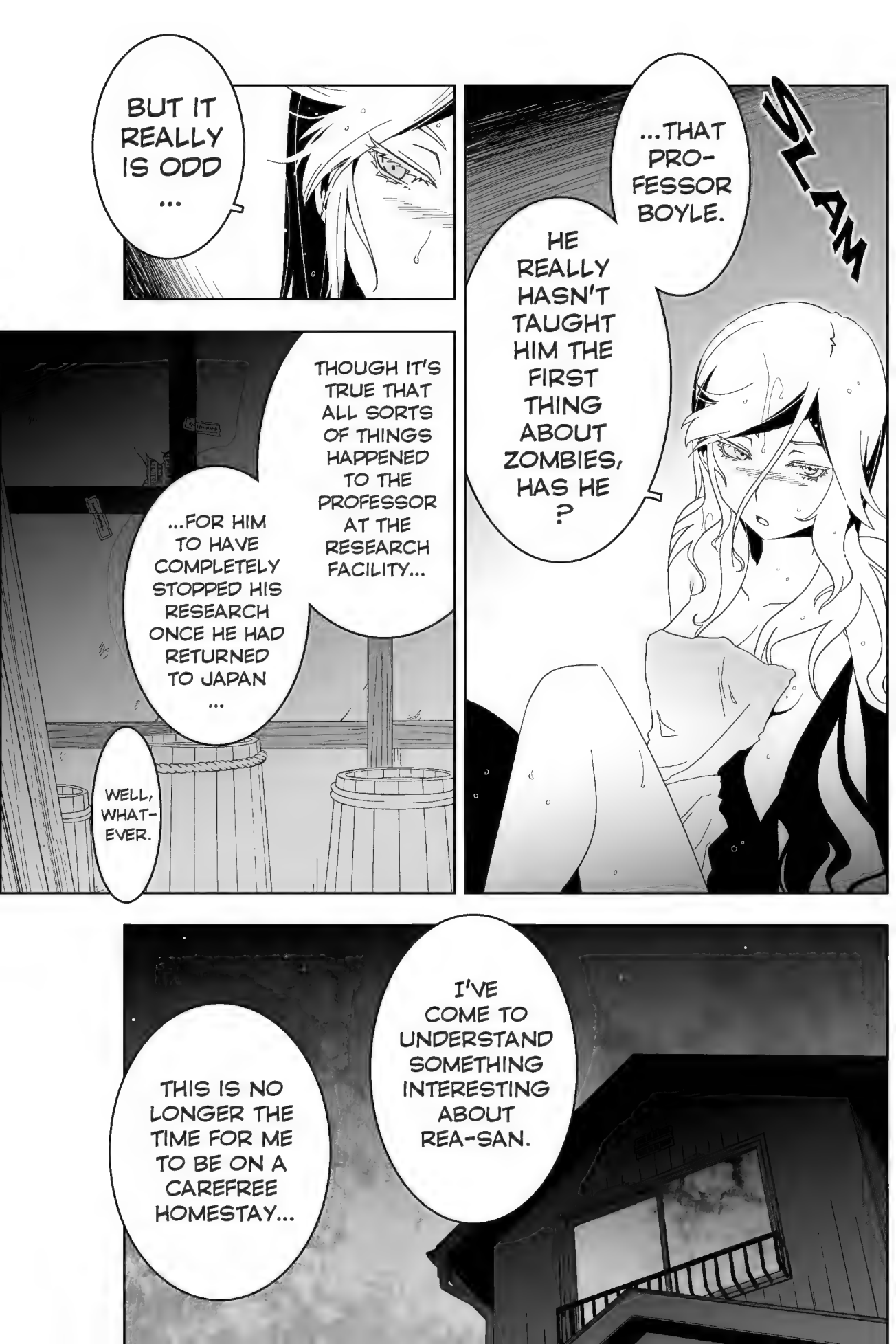
THAT ZOMBIE IS YOUR CREATION ...

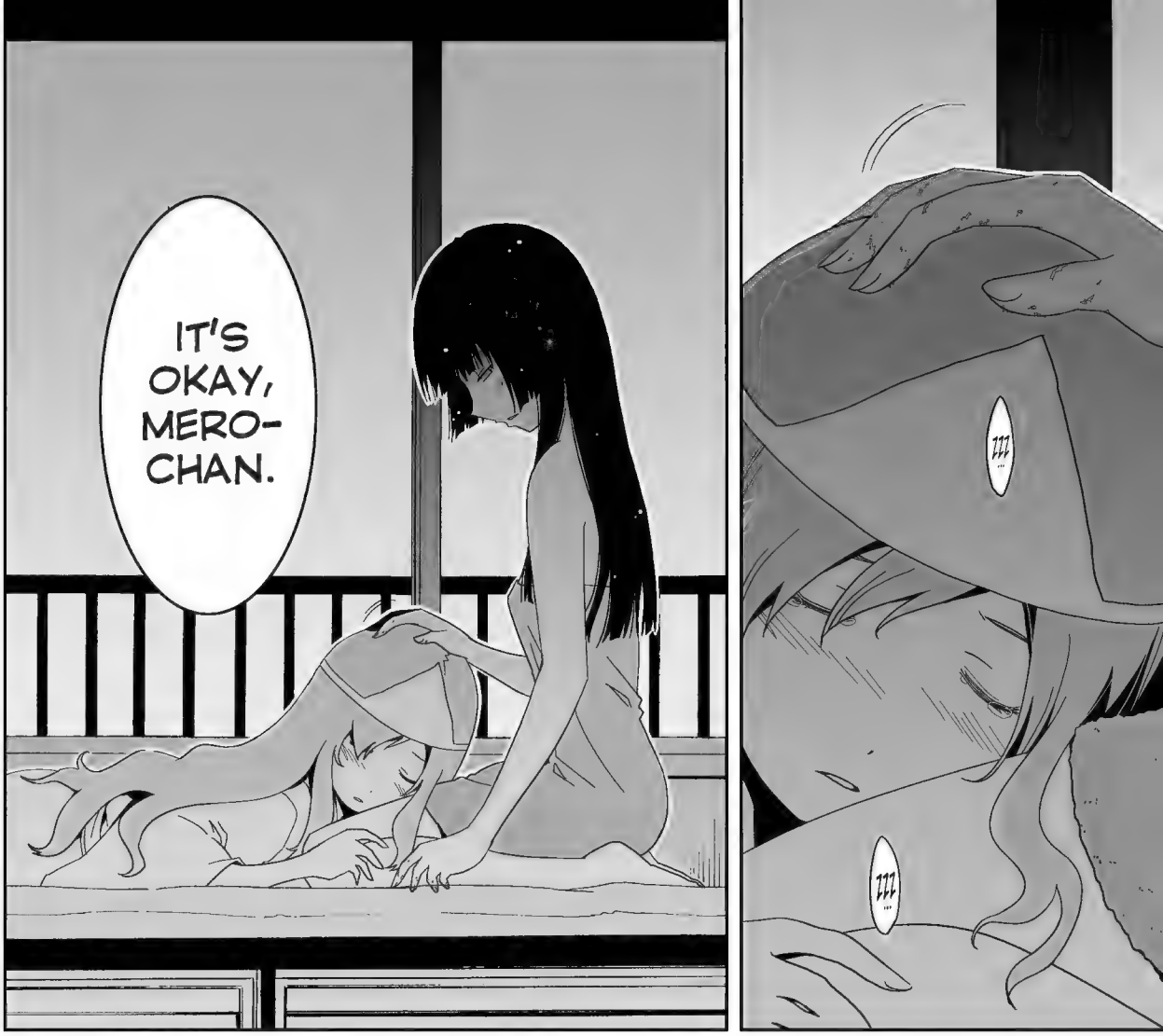
...SO IT'S YOUR OWN DECI-SION.



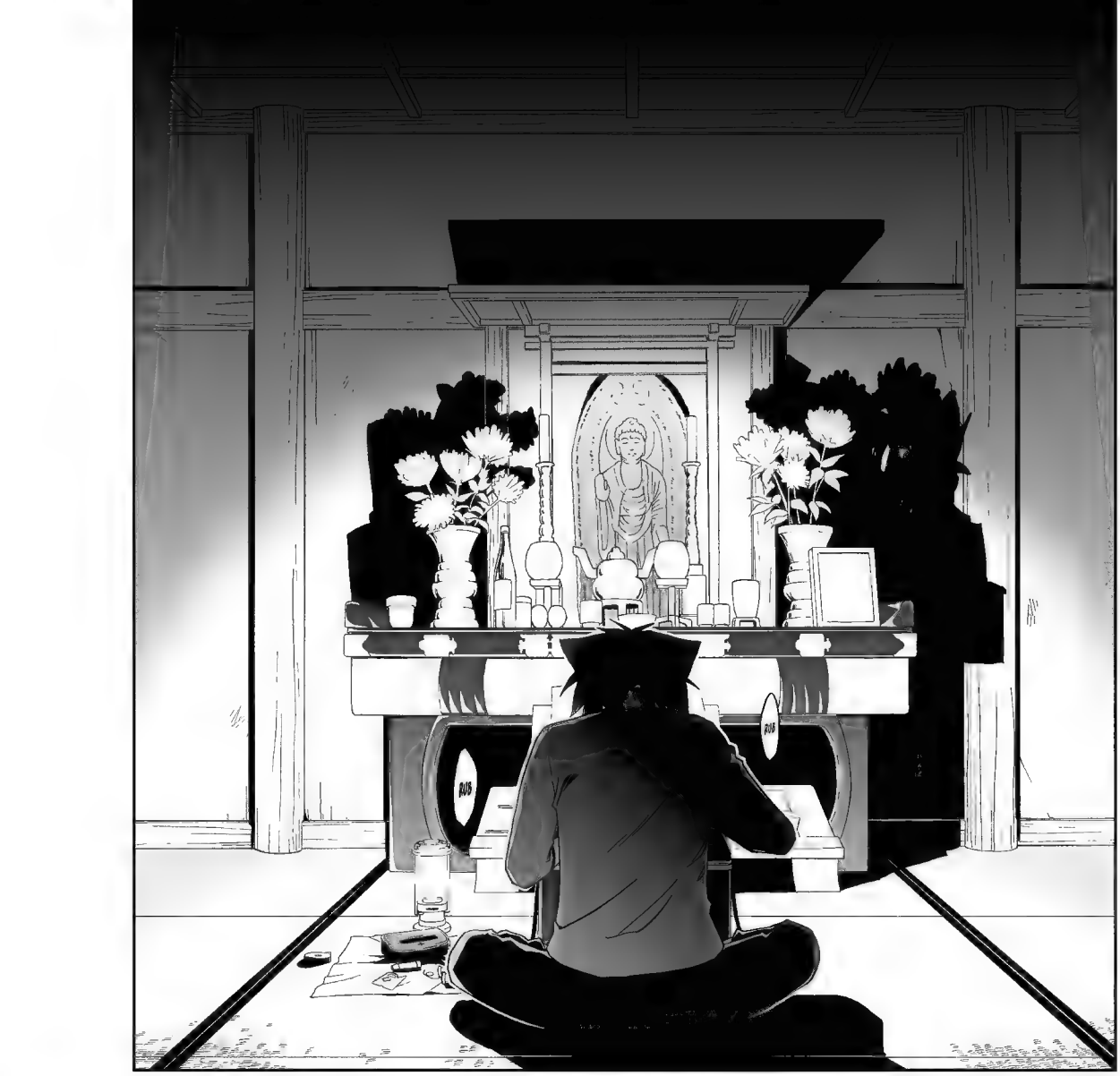

...IT'S FINE TO USE ANOTHER BURIAL METHOD.
BUT SINCE HE'S A ZOMBIE, IT IS PREFERABLE TO USE A METHOD WHERE HIS PHYSICAL BODY IS DESTROYED QUICKLY.

CREAK
CREAK...

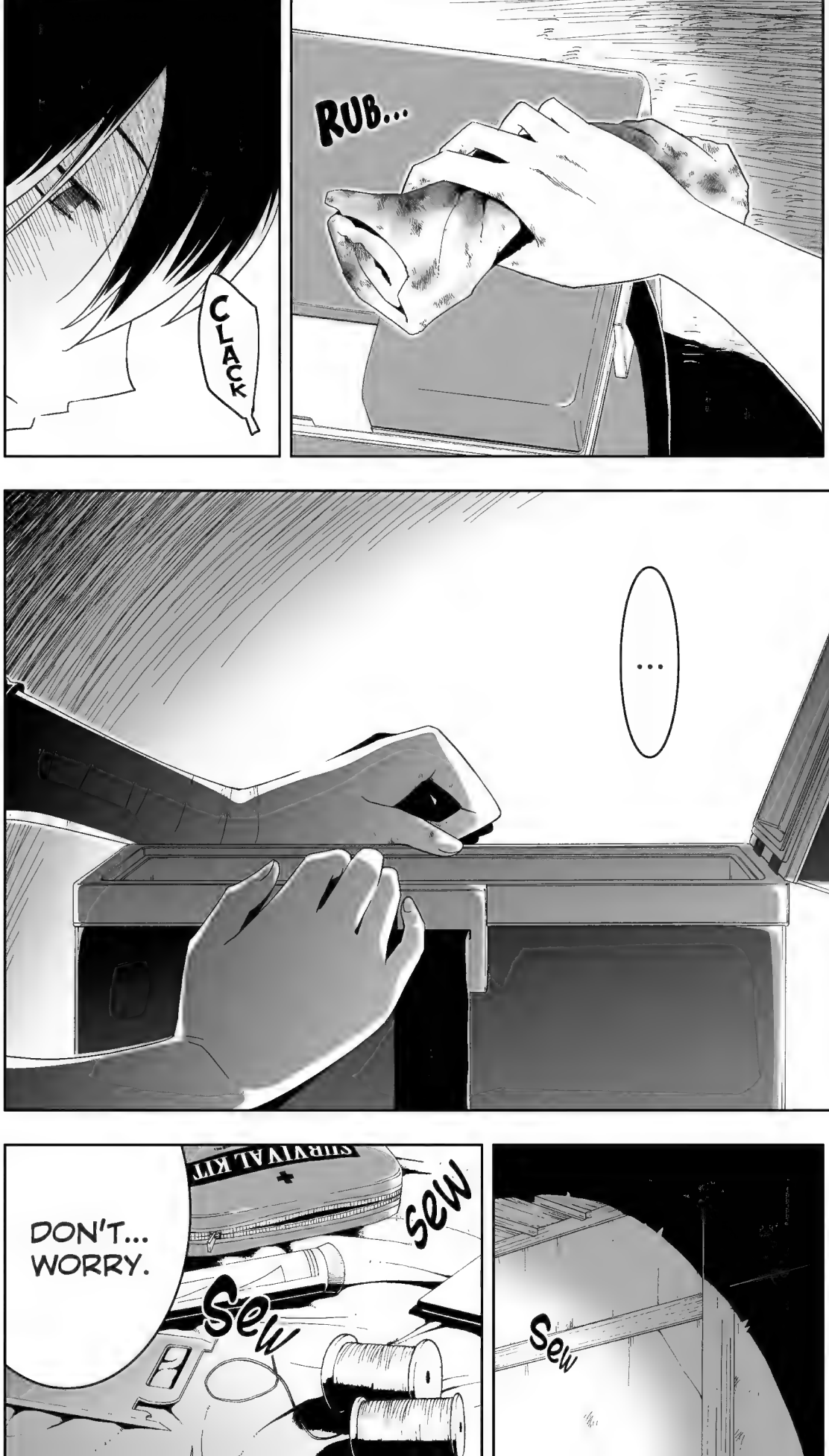

BUT IT REALLY IS ODD ...
...THAT PRO-FESSOR BOYLE.
SLAM
HE REALLY HASN'T TAUGHT HIM THE FIRST THING ABOUT ZOMBIES, HAS HE ?
THOUGH IT'S TRUE THAT ALL SORTS OF THINGS HAPPENED TO THE PROFESSOR AT THE RESEARCH FACILITY...
...FOR HIM TO HAVE COMPLETELY STOPPED HIS RESEARCH ONCE HE HAD RETURNED TO JAPAN ...
WELL, WHAT-EVER.
I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING INTERESTING ABOUT REA-SAN.
THIS IS NO LONGER THE TIME FOR ME TO BE ON A CAREFREE HOMESTAY...


IT'S OKAY, MERO-CHAN.
ZZZ...
ZZZ...

GLOW
SURELY ...
...DO SOME-THING FOR HIM...
FURUYA-KUN WILL SURELY ...

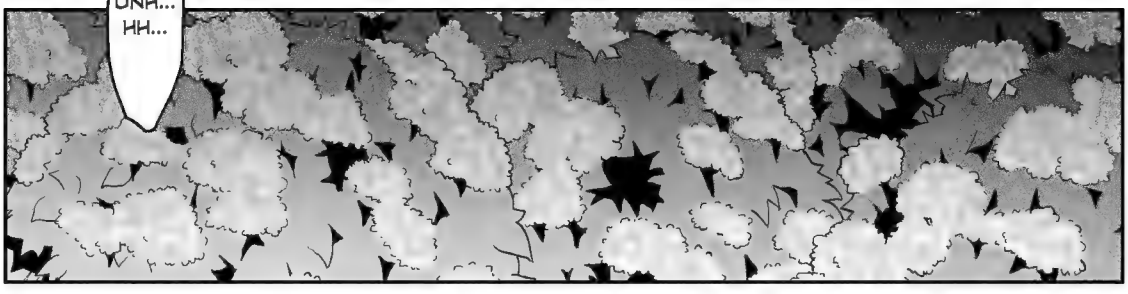

RUB
RUB

RUB
RUB


CLACK
RUB...
...
DON'T... WORRY.
SURVIVAL KIT
Sew
Sew
Sew

sew
IT'S OKAY... BECAUSE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO WALK AGAIN...
...IF WE JUST STICK IT BACK ON AGAIN...
IT'LL BE FINE ...
Sew
Sew
WHERE DID IT GO... THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK LIKE THIS...
...
HUH ...?
IT'S NOT HERE ...
RUSTLE

CAN'T WALK ...
...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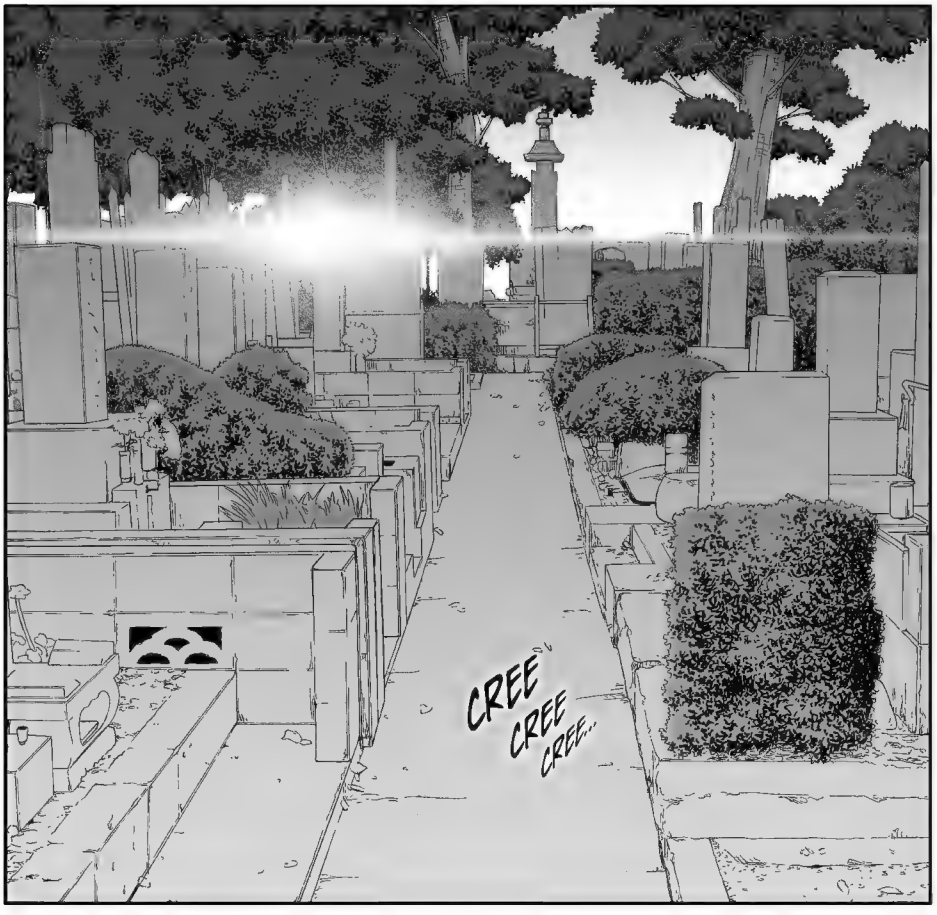
CREE CREE CREE...

CREE CREE CREE...

CREE
CREE
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CREE...
HEY
...
AFTER
THIS
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WHAT
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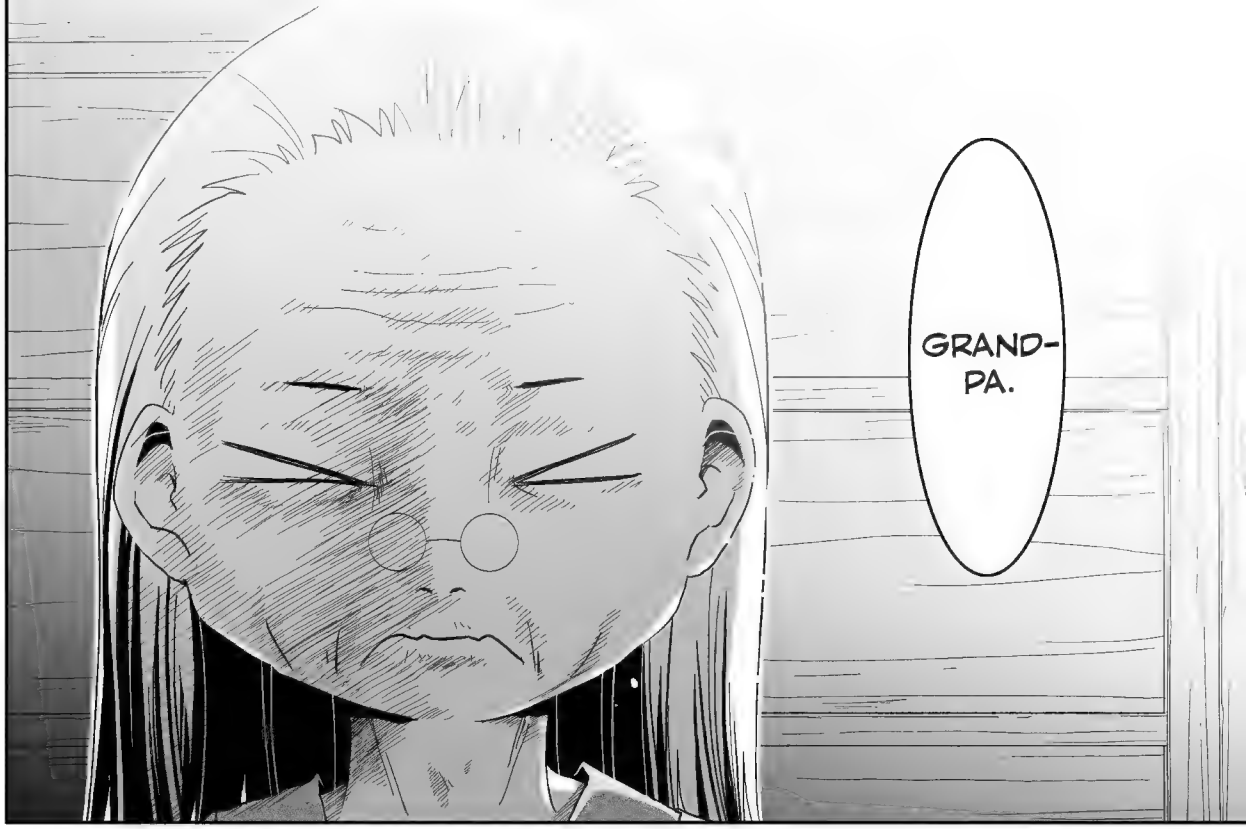
THINK I
SHOULD
DO FOR
HIM...?


GRAND-
PA.

...
JUST
WHY
DID
YOU
MAKE
...

...SOME-
THING
LIKE THE
REANIMATION
ELIXIR,
GRANDPA
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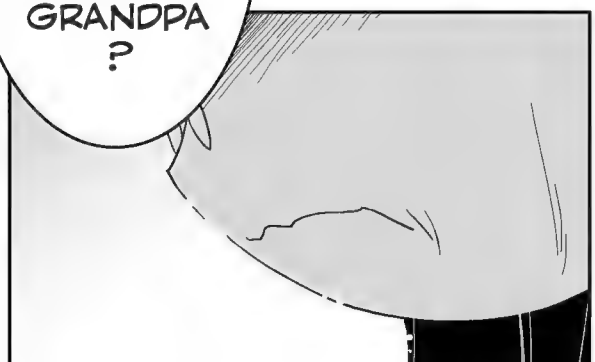
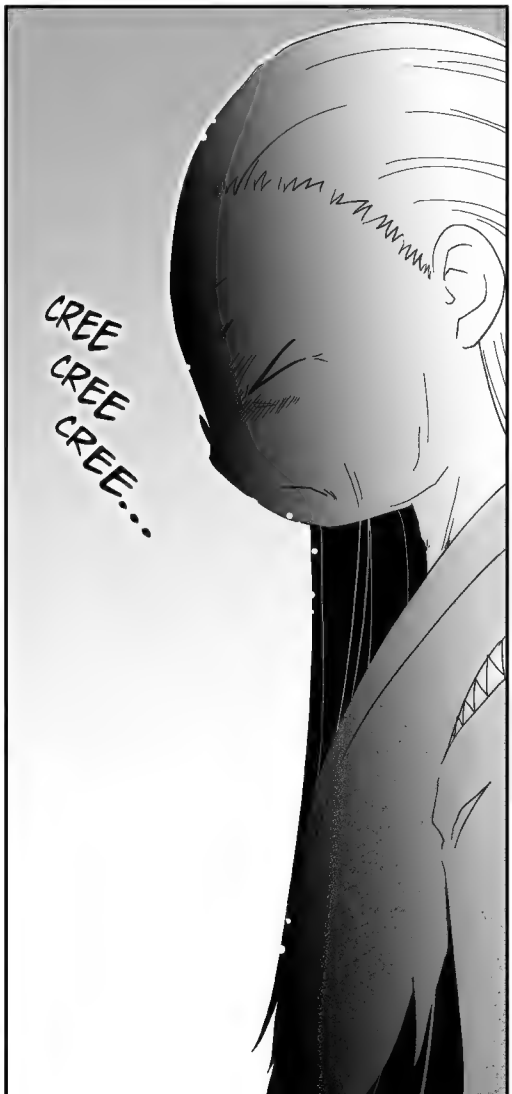
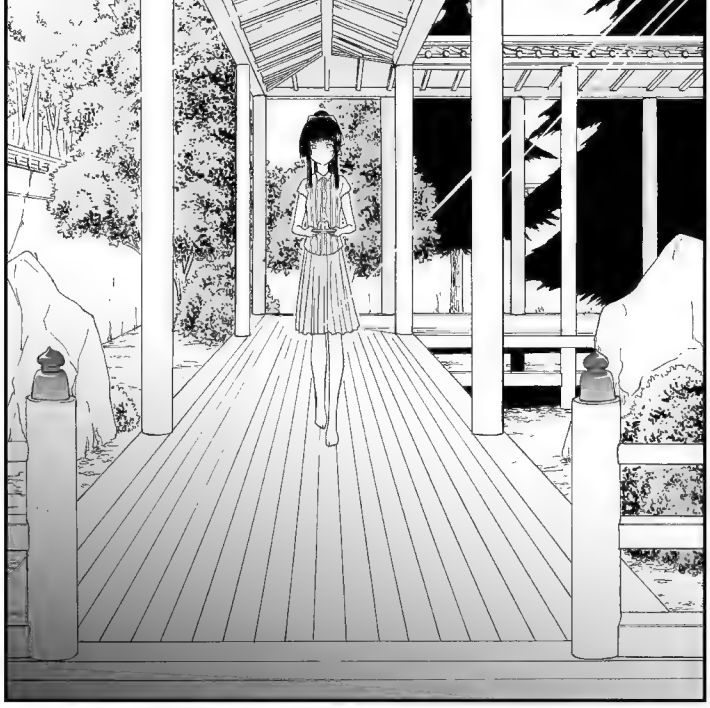
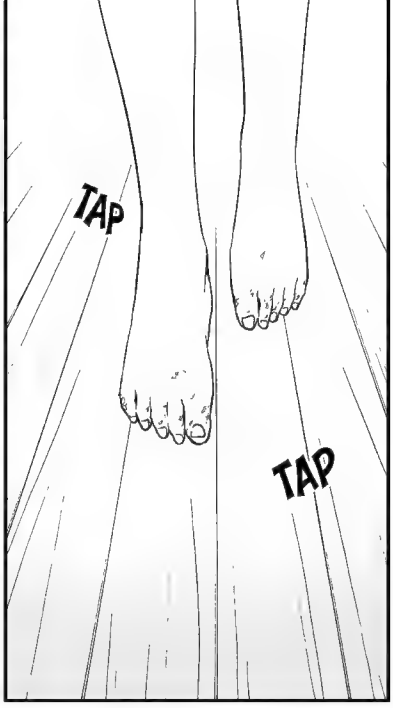
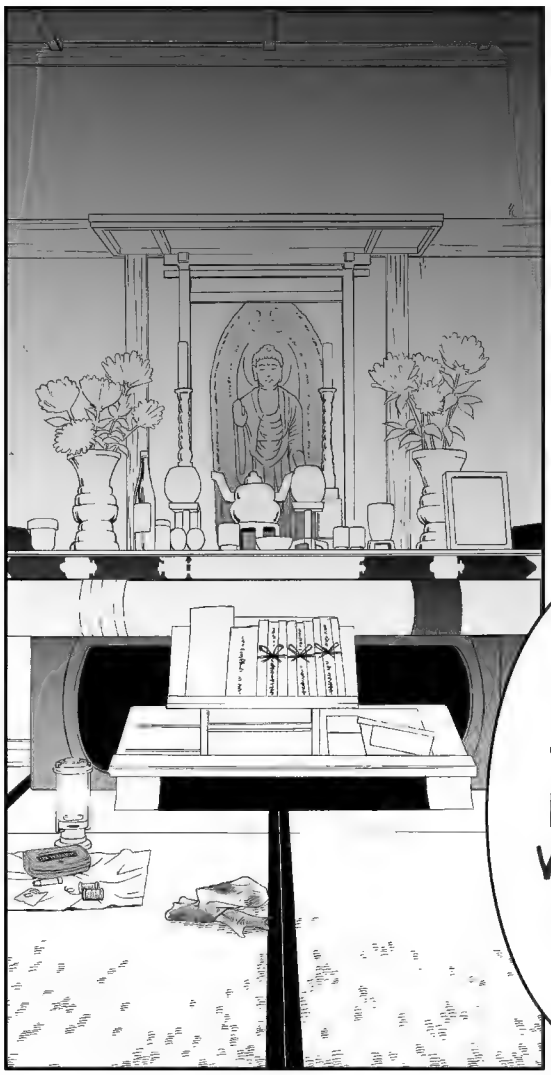



CREE
CREE
CREE...

...
I SEE ...
...IT WAS...
...MY EGO...




TAP
TAP



glide
FURUYA-KUN, UM...

...EAT THESE IF YOU WOULD LIKE...

CRACK
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
FU-
RUYA...
KUN?
CRACK
CRACK
WHAT
...
...ARE
YOU...
DOING
...?

WHOOOOOSSSH
CRACK...
...
...'S RIGHT.
CRACK!

I'M SURE ...
... THAT NOW ...
CR CRACK
CRACK
...THIS IS THE BEST THING...
...THAT I CAN DO FOR YOU...
CRACK

=OOOOZZZ

ZAP

WHOOSH
CRACKLE
REA ...!!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
H... HEY!
GET AWAY FROM HIM! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
NO...
NO!
GRAB

SNOOP
GH...
SHHHMMM
CLATTER

REA
...

...BUB-CHAN...
ABOUT BUB... HE'S NO LONG-ER...

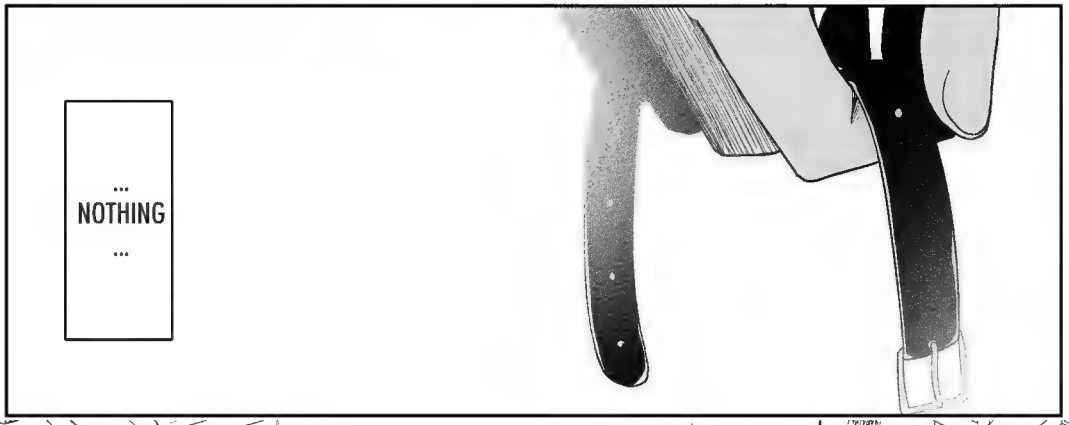
GRIP...
SO...I STILL... WANT HIM TO STAY HERE...
...CAME BACK TO LIFE WITH THE SAME ELIXIR AS ME...

I WANT TO GIVE HIM PEACE ALREADY ...!!
WITH HIS BODY... LIKE THAT... DO YOU REALLY WANT TO...
...SEE HIM TRY AND MOVE AGAIN ...?!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT WILL MAKE BUB HAPPY ?!
ISN'T IT CRUEL TO KEEP DRAGGING BUB ALONG WITH OUR SELFISH-NESS ...?!

... CRUEL.
drip...
IT'S TRUE THAT IT MIGHT BE CRUEL ...
BUT ...

EVEN SO, I...
WANT TO BE ...
WITH BUB-CHAN UNTIL THE END ...!!

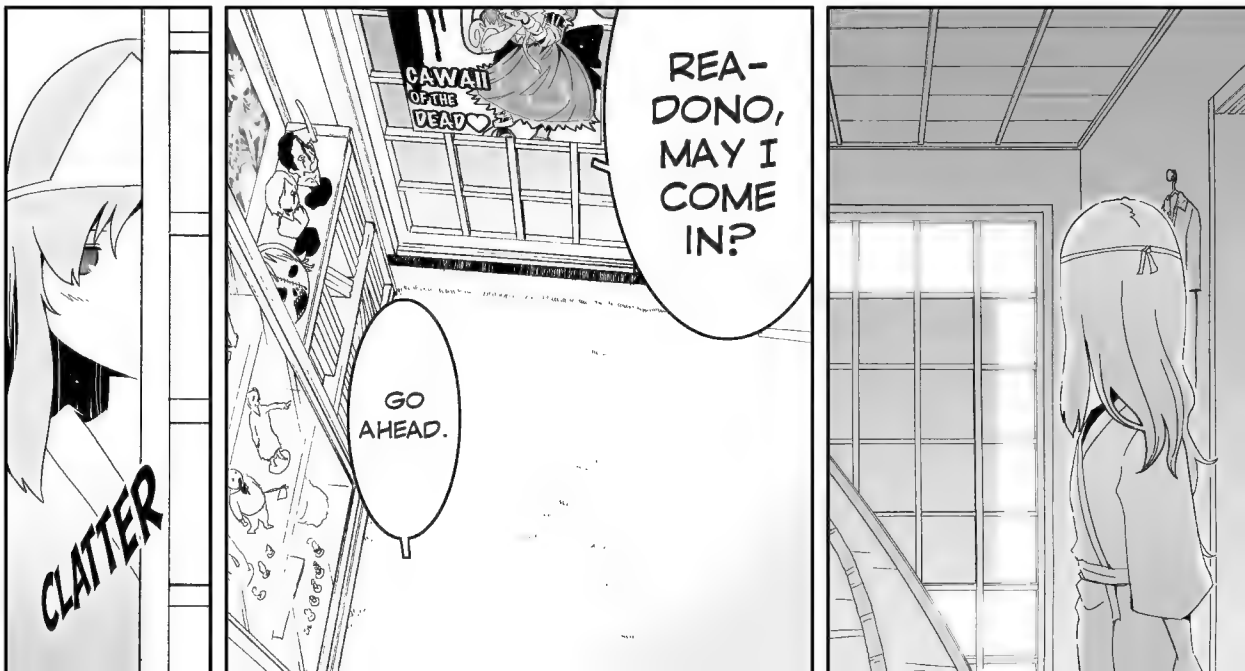
...I
HAD...

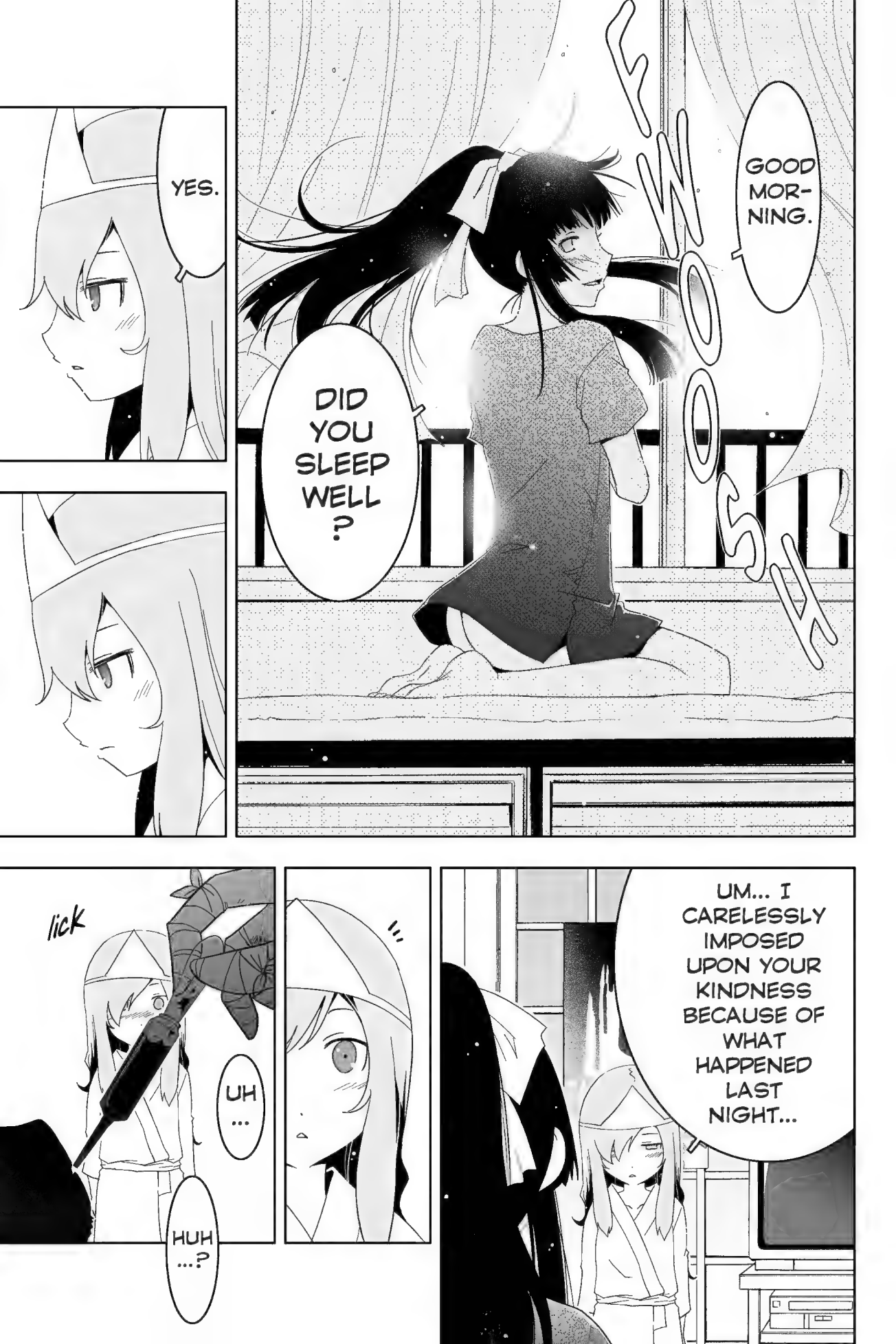

...
NOTHING
...

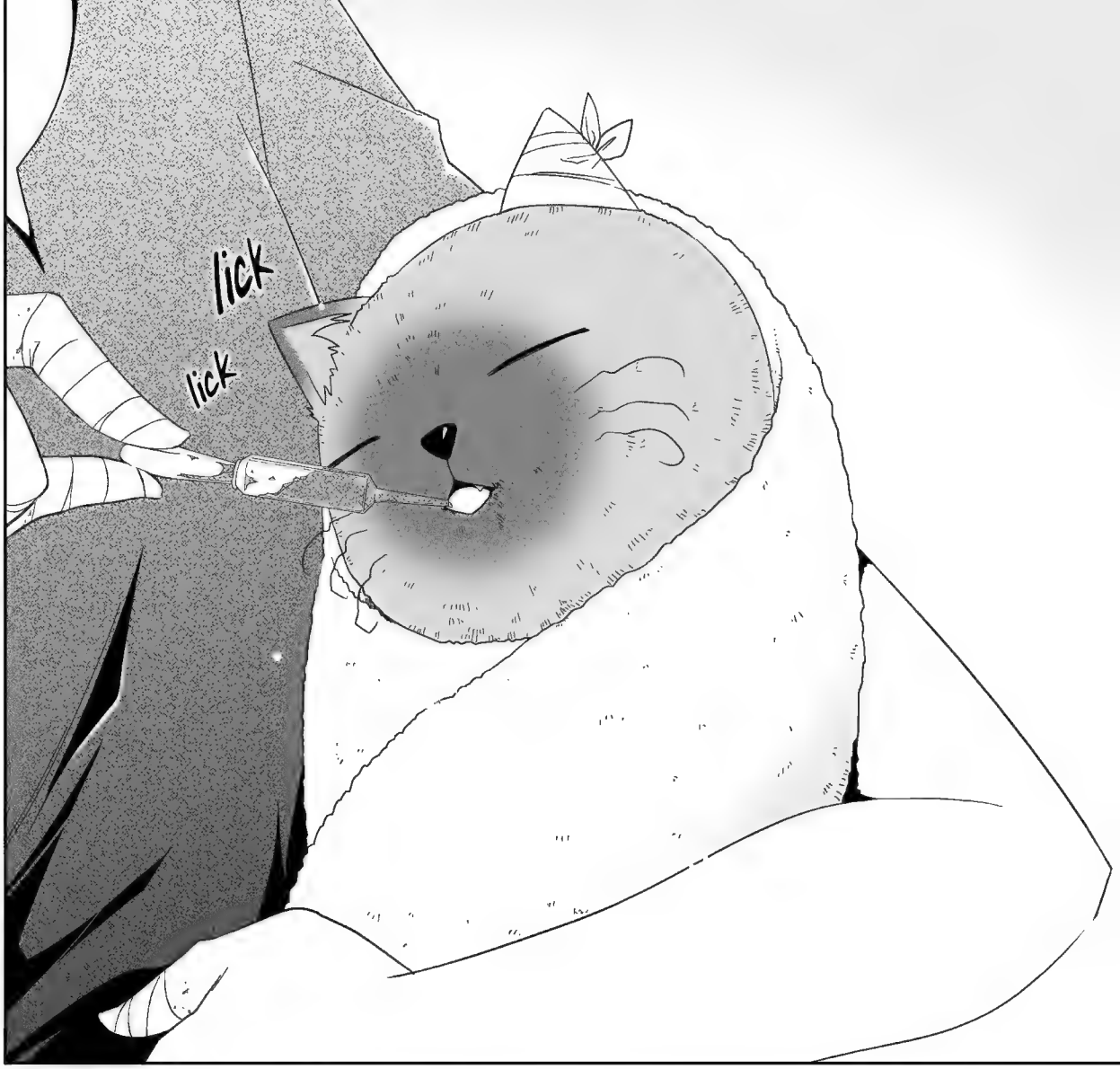
...I COULD
SAY IN
RESPONSE...

29 IT SEEMS...TO BE FATE...

DEADHEADS


CLATTER
CAWAII OF THE DEAD♡
REA-
DONO,
MAY I
COME
IN?
GO
AHEAD.


GOOD MOR-NING.
FWOOSH
DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
YES.
UM... I CARELESSLY IMPOSED UPON YOUR KINDNESS BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT...
!!!
lick
UH...
HUH...?

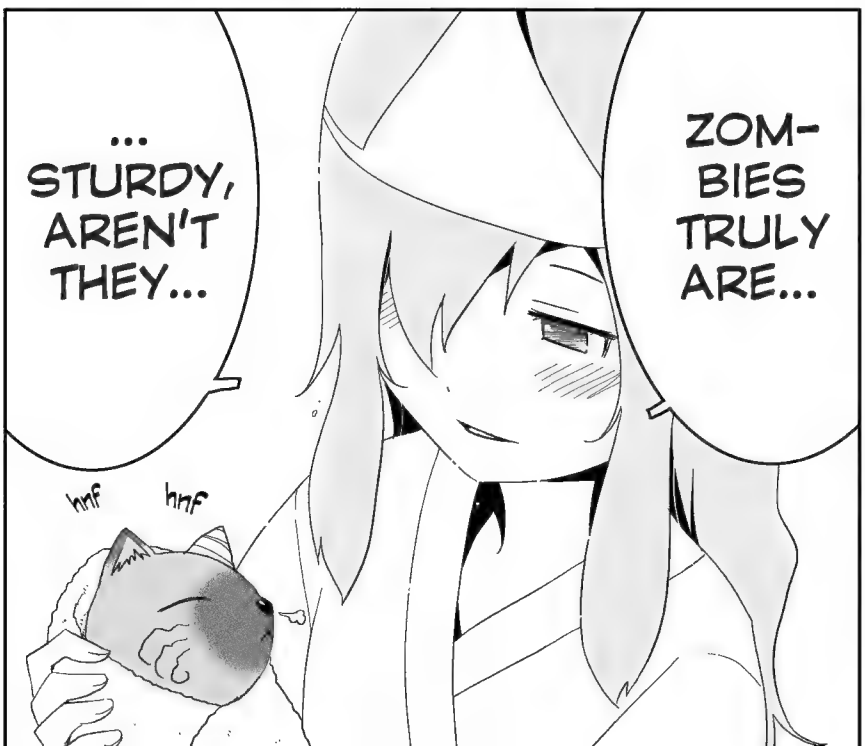

lick
lick

I SEE ... HE'S JUST FINE ...
JUDGING FROM BROTHER'S APPEARANCE, I ABSO-LUTELY THOUGHT...

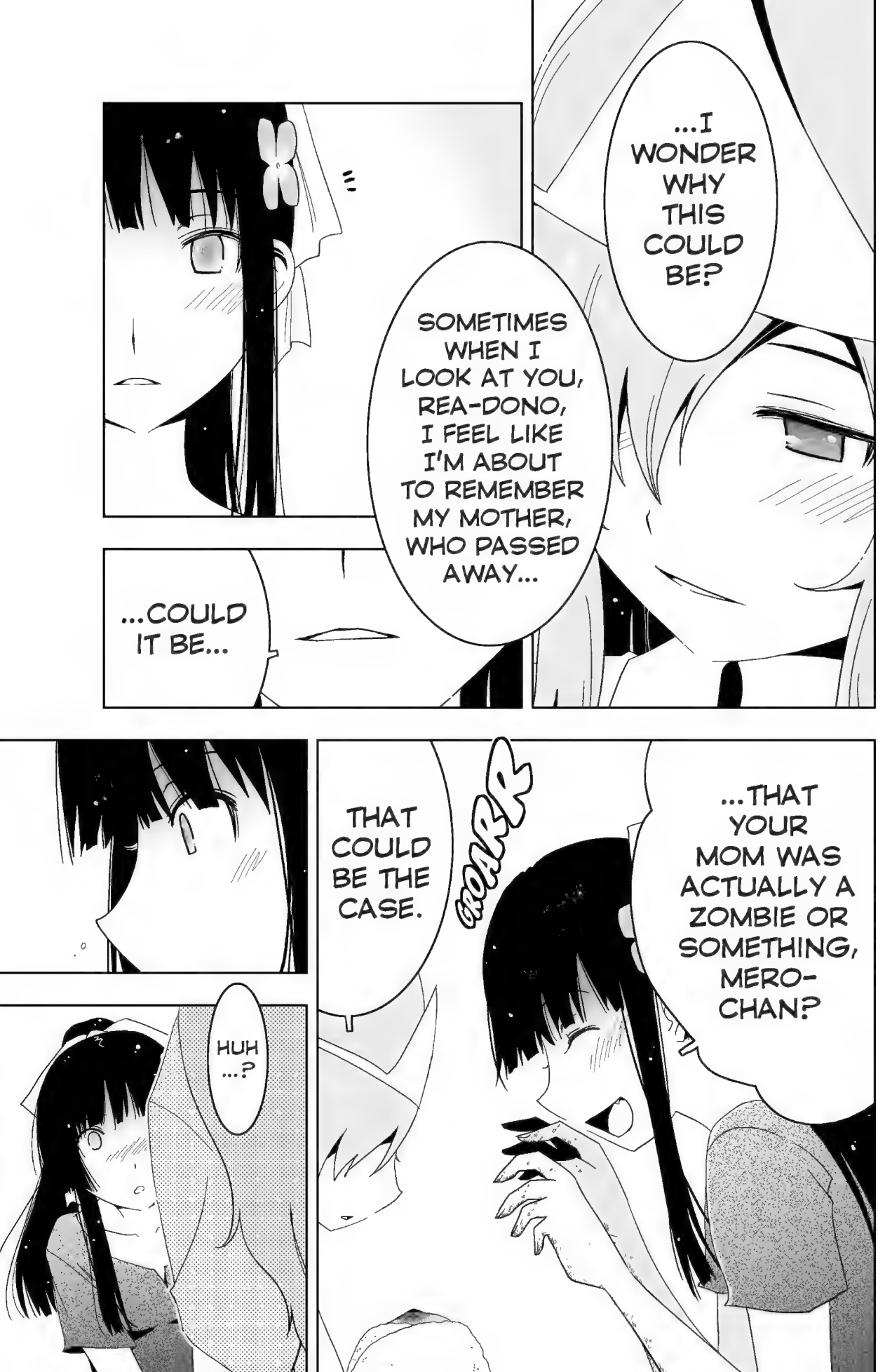
GASP
I'M GIVING HIM PUREED HYDRAN-GEA RIGHT NOW...
BUB !!
...

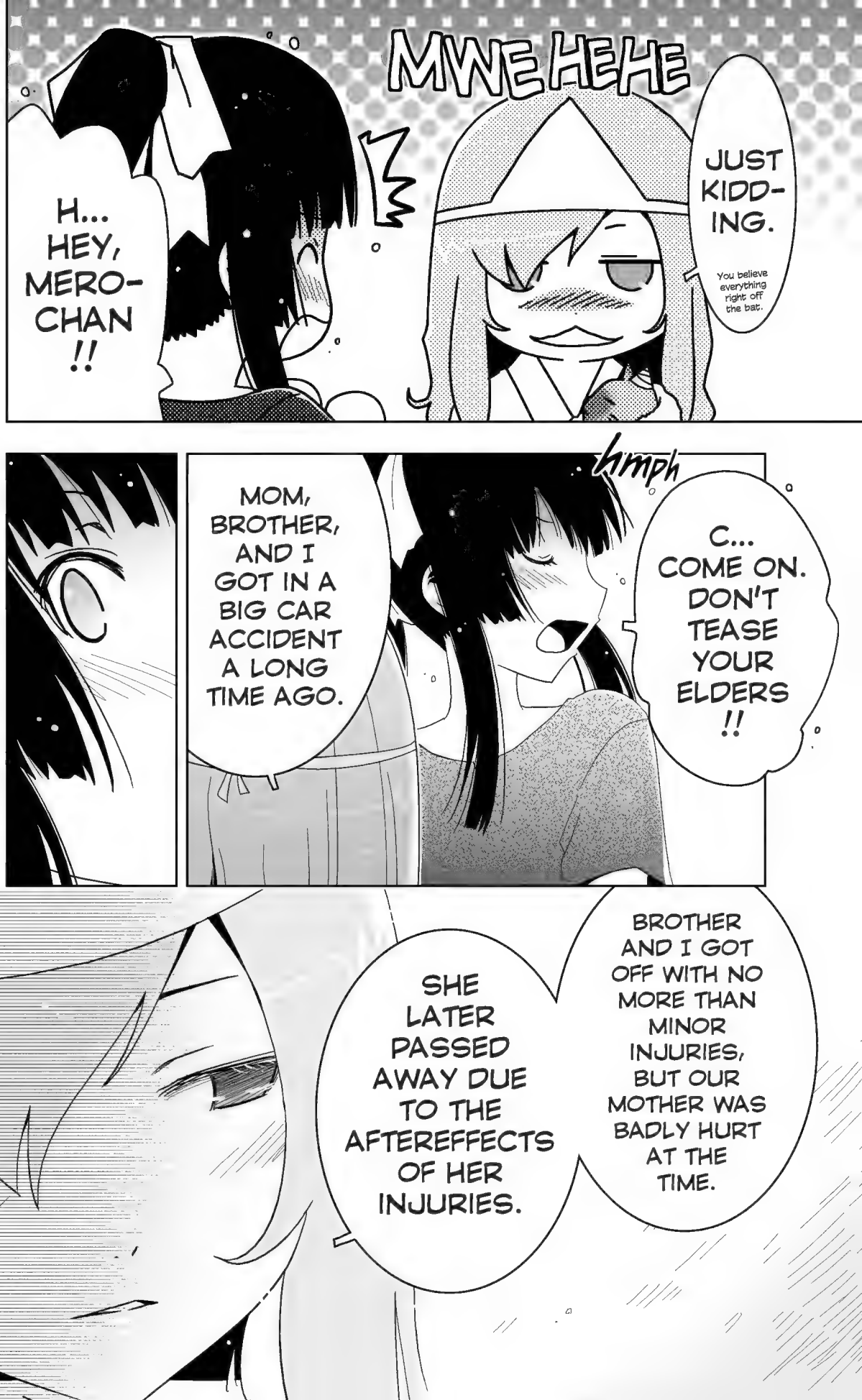
HE CAN'T MOVE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE HE WAS HURT SO BADLY ...
BUT HE SAYS HE'S STILL TOTALLY FINE.
nbuhhbuh
I MEAN, BUB-CHAN ...
...IS A ZOMBIE, AFTER ALL.
REA-DONO, WHAT HAPP-ENED TO YOUR ARM ...?
HUH? OH ...
I GOT BURNED A LITTLE...

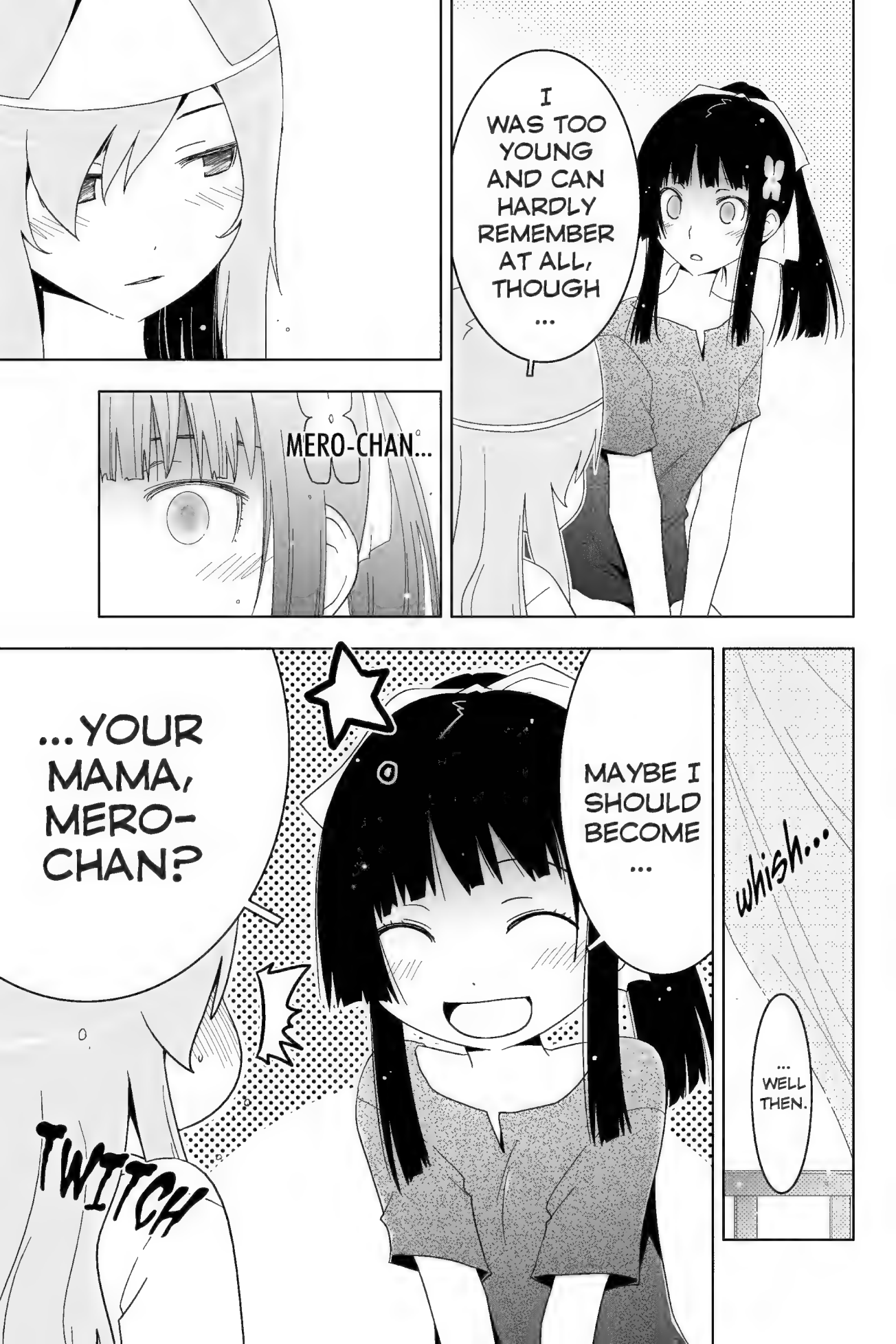
ALTHOUGH, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO CUT THE PARTS OF MY HAIR THAT GOT A LITTLE SINGED.
...
I AM A ZOM-BIE, TOO.
BUT I'M TOTALLY FINE!


ZOM-BIES TRULY ARE...
... STURDY, AREN'T THEY...
hmf hmf

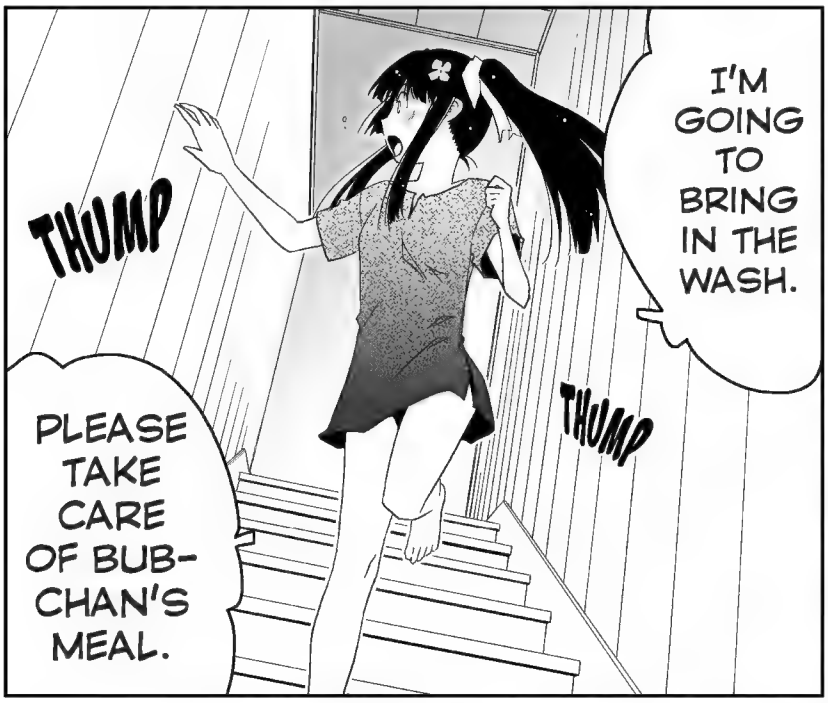
glide...
I SEE ...


...I WONDER WHY THIS COULD BE?
SOMETIMES WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, REA-DONO, I FEEL LIKE I'M ABOUT TO REMEMBER MY MOTHER, WHO PASSED AWAY...
...COULD IT BE...
...THAT YOUR MOM WAS ACTUALLY A ZOMBIE OR SOMETHING, MERO-CHAN?
GRAAK
THAT COULD BE THE CASE.
HUH ...?


MWEHEHE
JUST KIDDING.
You believe everything right off the bat.
H... HEY, MERO-CHAN !!
hmph
C... COME ON. DON'T TEASE YOUR ELDERS !!
MOM, BROTHER, AND I GOT IN A BIG CAR ACCIDENT A LONG TIME AGO.
BROTHER AND I GOT OFF WITH NO MORE THAN MINOR INJURIES, BUT OUR MOTHER WAS BADLY HURT AT THE TIME.
SHE LATER PASSED AWAY DUE TO THE AFTEREFFECTS OF HER INJURIES.


I WAS TOO YOUNG AND CAN HARDLY REMEMBER AT ALL, THOUGH ...
MERO-CHAN...
... WELL THEN.
whish...
MAYBE I SHOULD BECOME ...
...YOUR MAMA, MERO-CHAN?
TWITCH

PLEASE STOP SAYING IT LIKE THAT!!
HUH, BUT WHY? WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?
MAMA! MAMA!
... YOU'RE DOING THIS ON PURPOSE, AREN'T YOU?


I'M GOING TO BRING IN THE WASH.
THUMP
THUMP
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF BUB-CHAN'S MEAL.

drip
... OH.
THIS IS NO GOOD. IT'S STARTED RAINING.
drip

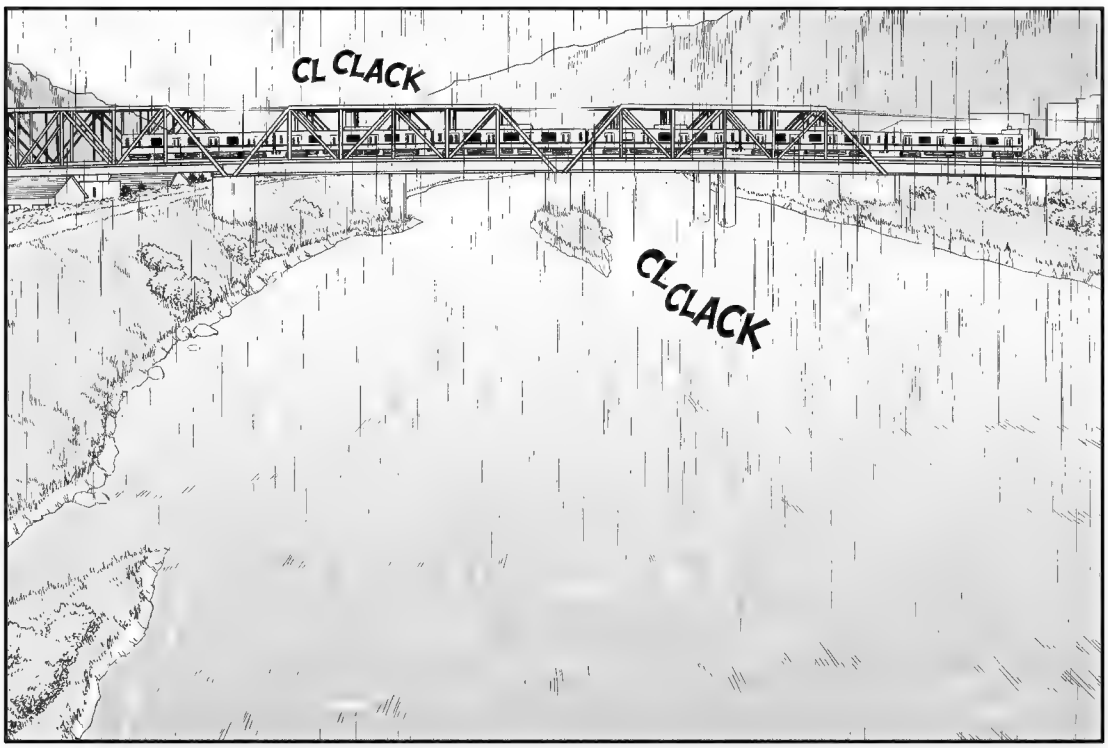
...

REALLY, THAT REA-DONO...
THUMP
THUMP...

I AM OBLIGED TO HER.
SSSHHHH
RUSH
RUSH
FWOSH
FWOSH
YES-TER-DAY ...
...WE ONLY GOT HALFWAY THROUGH OUR CON-VERSATION, BUT...

I HAVE SOME-THING ...
...I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU AS A FRIEND.
LOCAL-ODP
BLOOD

CL
CLACK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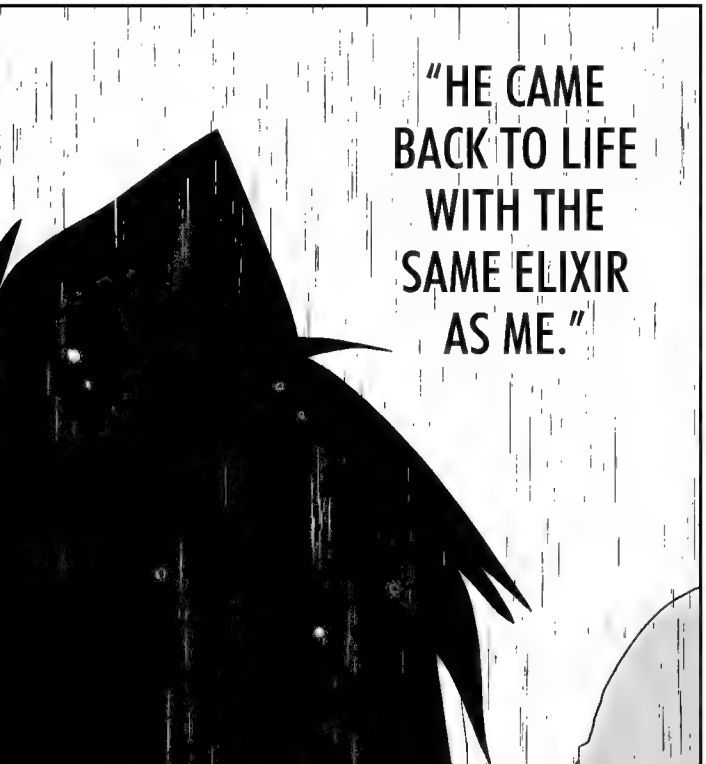
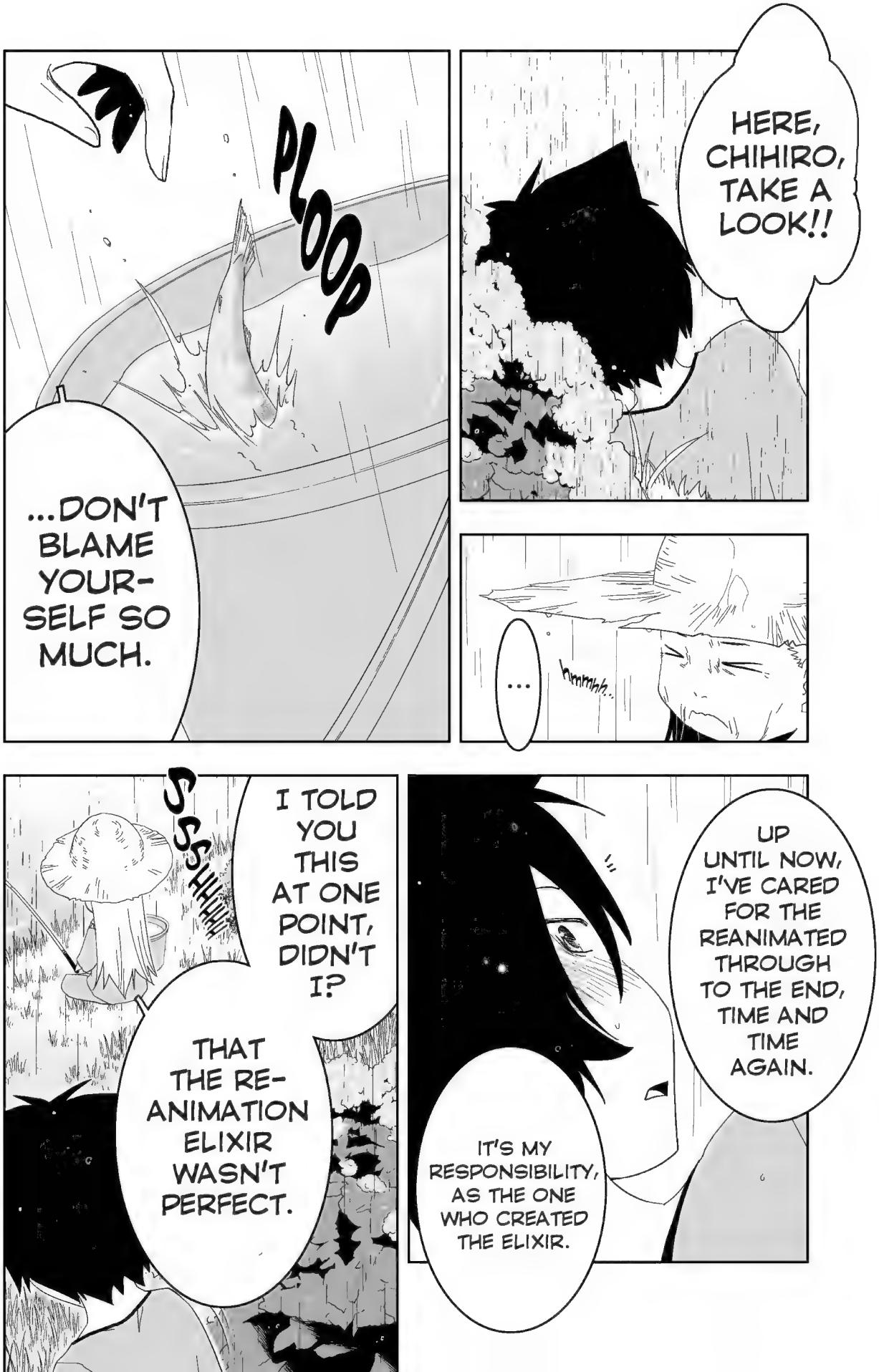
CLCLACK


"HE CAME BACK TO LIFE WITH THE SAME ELIXIR AS ME."

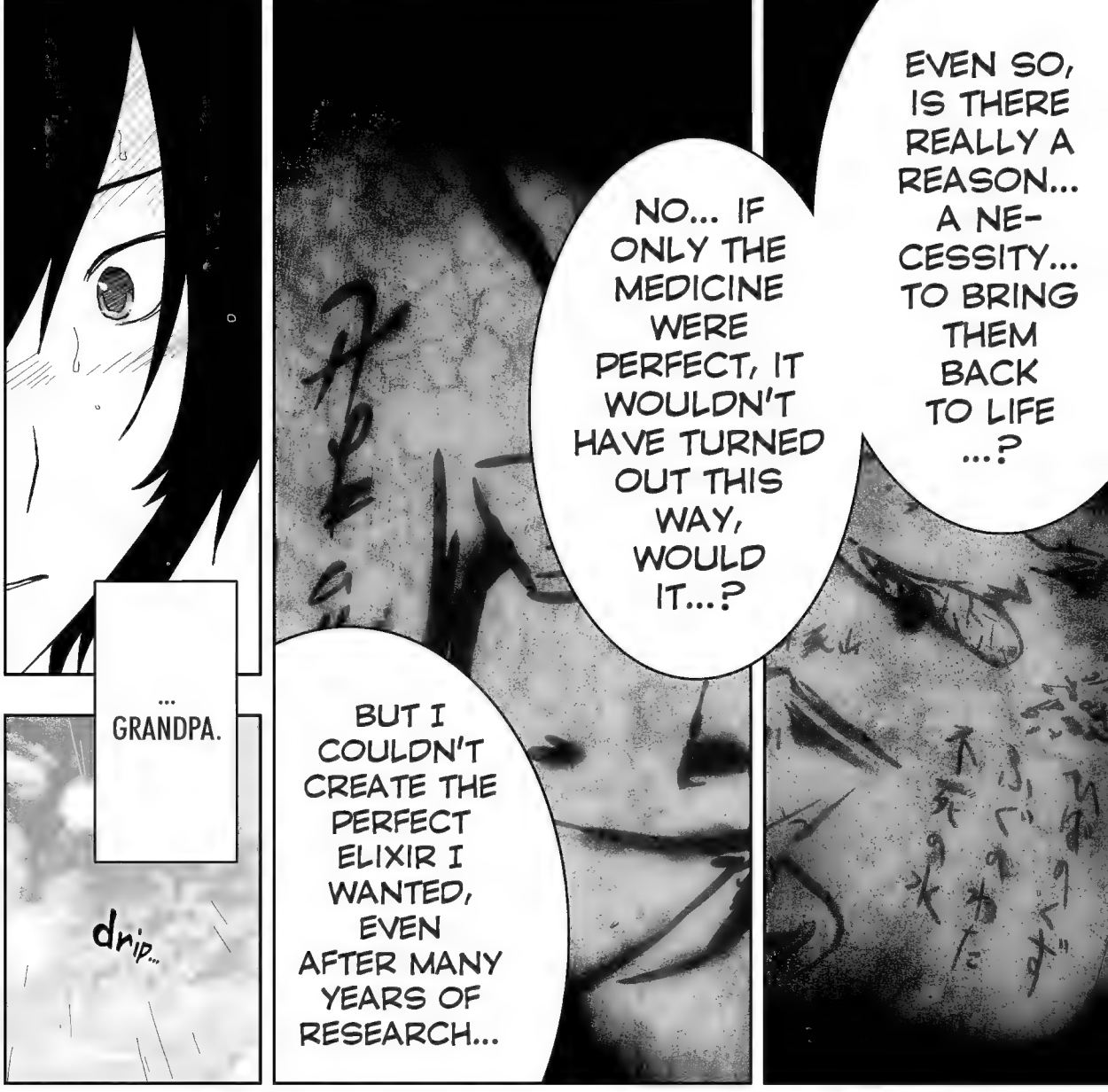
CLCLACK

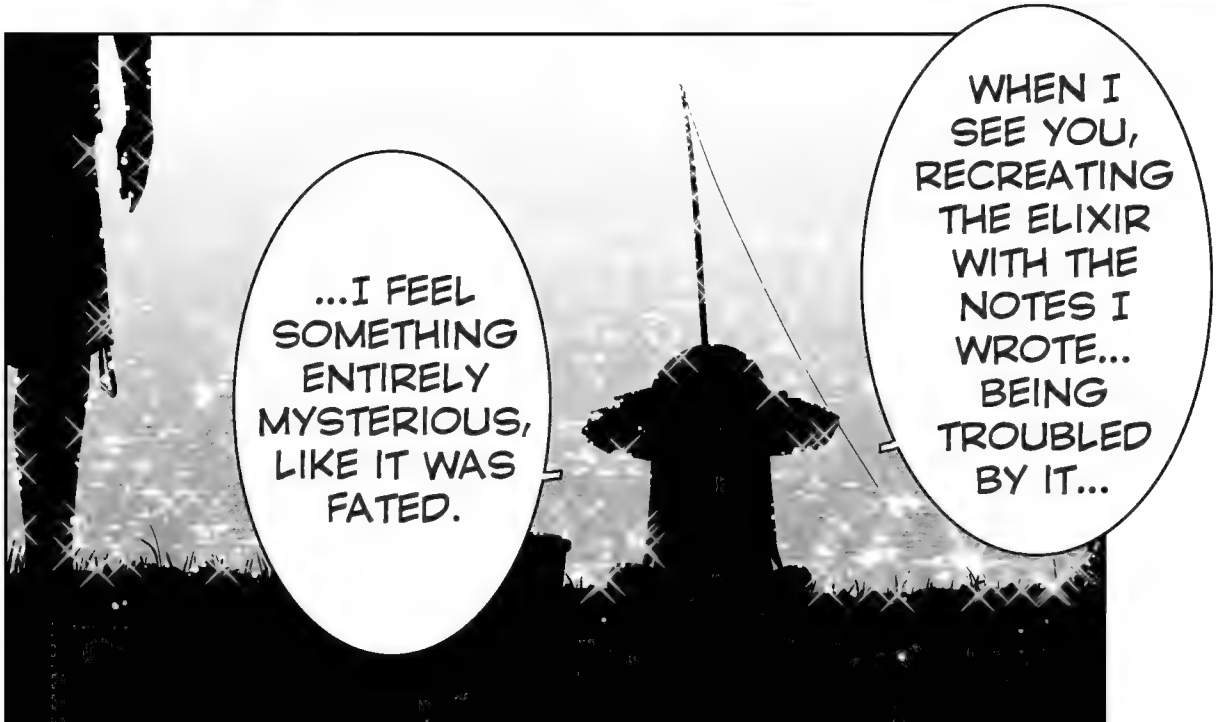
...
I...
"...CRUEL."
"SO... I STILL..."
"...WANT HIM TO STAY HERE..."
"EVEN SO, I WANT TO BE...
...WITH BUB-CHAN UNTIL THE END."
...REA'S FEELINGS...
CRUSH...
I CAN'T DO SOMETHING TO TRAMPLE ON...
...REA'S HOPES...

REA HER- SELF, ALSO ...
BUT... IS BUB REALLY OKAY STAYING LIKE THAT...? ON TOP OF THAT...
... NGH.
OHO!! THAT'S QUITE A BIG ONE!!
SPLASH


PLOOP
...DON'T BLAME YOUR-SELF SO MUCH.
HERE, CHIHIRO, TAKE A LOOK!!
...
hmmmh..
SSSHHHH
I TOLD YOU THIS AT ONE POINT, DIDN'T I?
THAT THE RE-ANIMATION ELIXIR WASN'T PERFECT.
UP UNTIL NOW, I'VE CARED FOR THE REANIMATED THROUGH TO THE END, TIME AND TIME AGAIN.
IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY, AS THE ONE WHO CREATED THE ELIXIR.

IN SHORT ...
...EVEN IF THE DEAD STAY IN THIS WORLD FOR A TIME...
...IN THE END, THE TIME TO PART WILL COME ONCE AGAIN.
HOWEVER, UNLIKE WITH THE LIVING, PARTING WITH THE DEAD...
SSSSSHHHH
...IS IN SOME CASES EXTREMELY HORRIFY-ING.


...
GRANDPA.
drip...
BUT I COULDN'T CREATE THE PERFECT ELIXIR I WANTED, EVEN AFTER MANY YEARS OF RESEARCH...
NO... IF ONLY THE MEDICINE WERE PERFECT, IT WOULDN'T HAVE TURNED OUT THIS WAY, WOULD IT...?
EVEN SO, IS THERE REALLY A REASON... A NECESSITY... TO BRING THEM BACK TO LIFE ...?


...I FEEL SOMETHING ENTIRELY MYSTERIOUS, LIKE IT WAS FATED.
WHEN I SEE YOU, RECREATING THE ELIXIR WITH THE NOTES I WROTE... BEING TROUBLED BY IT...

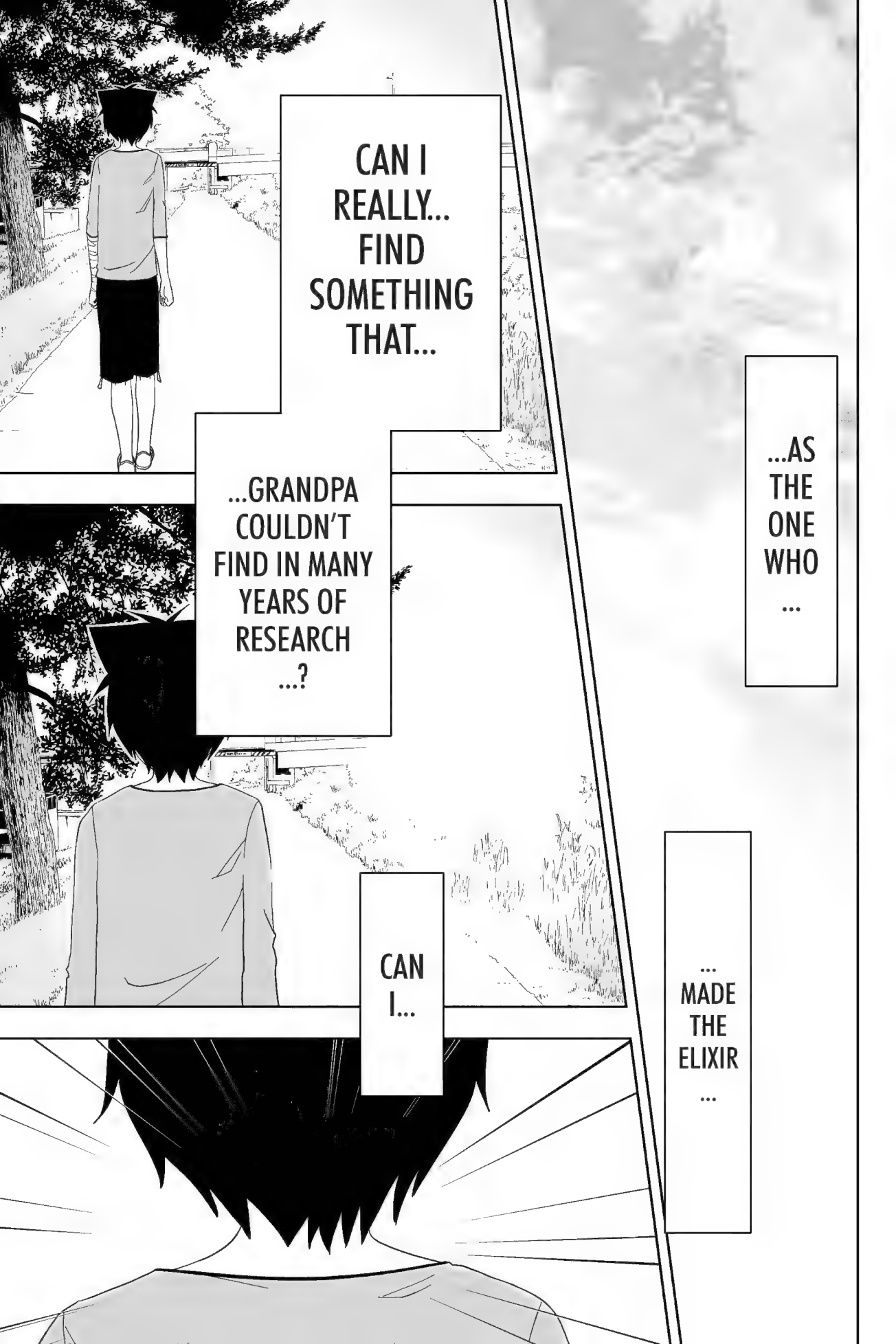
SO, THEN LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS TOGETHER, GRANDPA !!
ABOUT A WAY TO PRESERVE BUB, AND REA FOREVER !!
SO ...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT BUB...
...
BA-BUMP
...BUT THAT GIRL...THE GIRL WHO RECOVERED FROM THE TURBID PERIOD...
...I FEEL SOMETHING ABOUT HER IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER REANIMATED ...
BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
DIFF-ERENT ...?
...
BA-BUMP
PERHAPS DARIN HAS PICKED UP ON IT TOO...

BA-BUMP
HUH... WHAT DOES THAT...
... CHIHIRO. BE FULLY WARY.
BA-BUMP

BE WARY OF DARIN'S ACTIONS FROM NOW ON ...!!
DON'T GET THE LEAST BIT INVOLVED WITH THAT ZOMA SHE'S AFFILIATED WITH...!!
BY ZOMA... HE MEANS ...
ISN'T THAT WHERE GRANDPA ALSO WAS LONG AGO...? BUT...
I MEAN, OF COURSE I UNDER-STAND... PEOPLE LIKE THAT, WHO JUST THINK OF ZOMBIES AS STUDY MATERIALS ...
SO THAT'S WHY, WITH YOU AND ME TO-GETHER, GRAND-PA...
I...

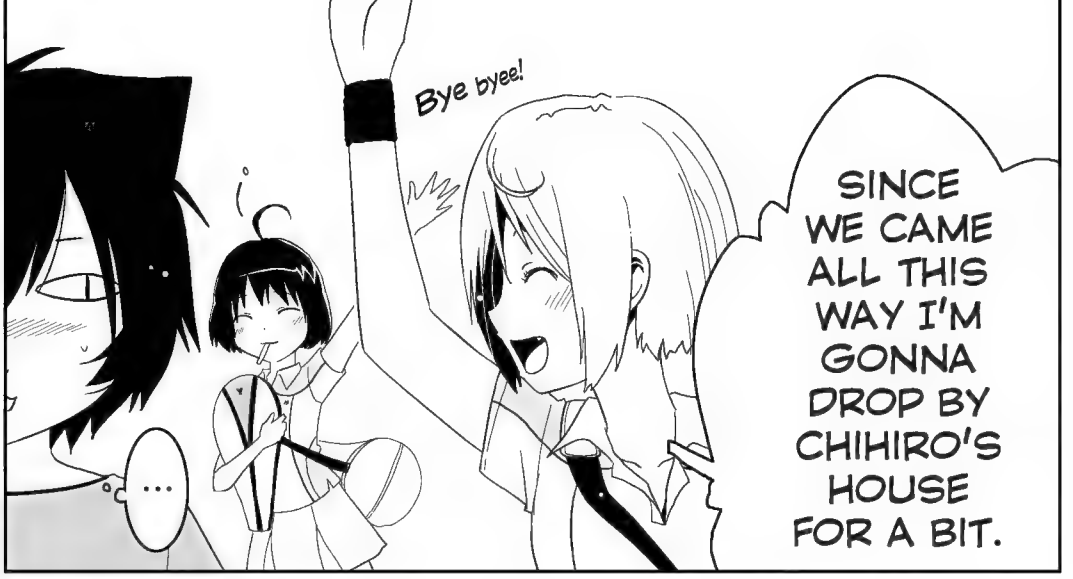
"THE PROFESSOR HAS RECEIVED MANY TENS OF TIMES THE LETHAL DOSE OF THE POISON, SO THE DAMAGE TO PART OF HIS BRAIN IS..."
...
I WONDER JUST HOW LONG IT IS THAT I'LL BE STILL BE ABLE TO PRESERVE MY "SANITY" ...
WITH MY BRAIN, I CAN NO LONGER DO STABLE RESEARCH OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT...
CHI-HIRO.
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WORRY ABOUT IT YOURSELF.
AS THE ONE WHO MADE THE ELIXIR.


CAN I REALLY... FIND SOMETHING THAT...
...GRANDPA COULDN'T FIND IN MANY YEARS OF RESEARCH ...?
CAN I...
...AS THE ONE WHO ...
... MADE THE ELIXIR ...

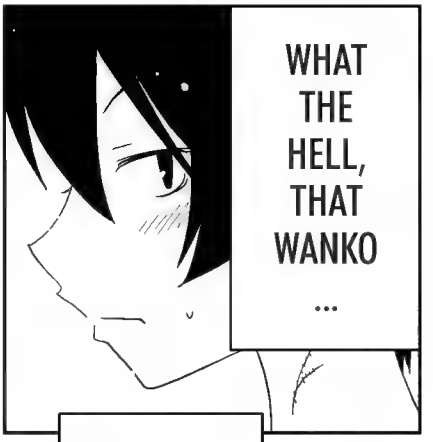
GRAB
HE YA!
GWEH.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, WALKING AROUND ALL ALONE AND SPACED OUT?!
HACK
COUGH
W... WHAT'S SO WRONG WITH WALKING AROUND ALONE?
TAP
TAP
NO, I MEAN, I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS A LITTLE WEIRD BECAUSE REA-CHAN ISN'T BY YOUR SIDE.

HM ?
Oh, it's Mr. Manservant.
...
YEAH, I GUESS IT'S TRUE THAT I'M USUALLY WITH REA.
STAND
HMM.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
YOU SHOULD KNOW JUST BY LOOKING AT MY CLOTHES!! THIS WEEKEND WE HAVE THE KANTO TOURNAMENT SO WE FINISHED UP TODAY'S PRACTICE EARLY.
OHH ...

LOOK AT THIS FOR A SEC-OND.
I'VE GOTTEN SO TAN ALREADY...
glide...
WHY DO YOU SHOW ME THIS STUFF EVERY SINGLE TIME?
NONCHALANT
HM...? DON'T REAL GIRLS...
...ALSO LOOK GOOD TO YOU FROM TIME TO TIME...?
STUFF LIKE THAT HAS NOTHING ON THE MILKY WHITE SKIN OF ZOMBIE GIRLS.
YOU LIAR! YOU EVEN RE-SPONDED A LITTLE BIT.
MUNCH
MUNCH
THESE TWO...
I CAN'T TELL IF THEY'RE FRIENDLY OR IF THEY HATE EACH OTHER...


Bye byee!
SINCE WE CAME ALL THIS WAY I'M GONNA DROP BY CHIHIRO'S HOUSE FOR A BIT.
...

TH...
POKE
POKE
WHAT, WHAT, YOU WANT TO TELL ME I'M GETTING IN THE WAY?
THAT'S NOT IT...


WHAT THE HELL, THAT WANKO ...

DESPITE WHAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY SHE'S ACTING LIKE NOTHING'S WRONG...
HM?

I'M HOME.
PLEASE EXCUSE ME.

...
HUH
?

NO...
IT WAS
SUDDEN,
SO...
GRAB
WH
...
WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN
?!

CLACK
REA
...
CLACK
...IS WITH DARIN
...
THAK

THEY WENT TO ZOMA ...?!

3F DEPARTURES
2F ARRIVALS

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 7

SPECIAL
BONUS
STORY
My... Zombie
Girl Life...
ZOMBIE NEEDS THOSE OF THE HERO

EVERY-ONE...
chatter
HAPPY
HAPPY
...I BELIEVE YOU PROBABLY KNOW THIS...
MERO-CHAN, YOU BROUGHT A BEACH BALL FOR US.
...BUT MIXED IN WITH THIS PEACEFUL SCENE...
Let me see the ball.
IT'S STAN-DARD FARE.
...
...IS ONE PRESENCE WHO IS NOT OF THIS WORLD ...!!
WHOOSH
HEY, HEY, DON'T YOU GET IT?

mhff..
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SWIM...
...SO WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO COME TO AN INDOOR POOL WITHOUT DIRECT SUNLIGHT, SO YOU CAN COOL DOWN.
THAT'S RIGHT... ACTUALLY, I, (SANKA REA) AM A ZOMBIE.
conan
sad...
IS... THAT SO...
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF YOU MOVE AROUND A LOT AND YOU INJURE YOUR MUSCLE FIBERS WITHOUT REALIZING IT?!
IF YOUR BODY GETS HURT EVEN ONCE, IT WON'T HEAL!!
GRAB
SLAP
OWW!
IT'S NO BIG DEAL!!

WA... WANKO ...
WE BROUGHT HER ALL THE WAY OUT HERE, SO THAT'S NOT HOW IT SHOULD GO, IS IT ?!
SQUUEEEZE
GWE-EEHH !
ADD THE "-SAN" !!
WANKO-SAN HAS A NICE BODY, SO SHE LOOKS GOOD IN A BIKINI, DOESN'T SHE...
Why you little...

GRIND
GRIND
ADDING TO THAT, WANKO-SAN CAN MAKE SUCH BOLD MOVES ...

I DON'T HAVE A CHEST... AND ON TOP OF THAT...
...I CAN'T WEAR ANYTHING LIKE A BIKINI IN FRONT OF PEOPLE, BECAUSE I HAVE A SCAR ON MY STOMACH FROM WHEN IT GOT TORN AFTER I FELL OFF THAT CLIFF AND DIED...

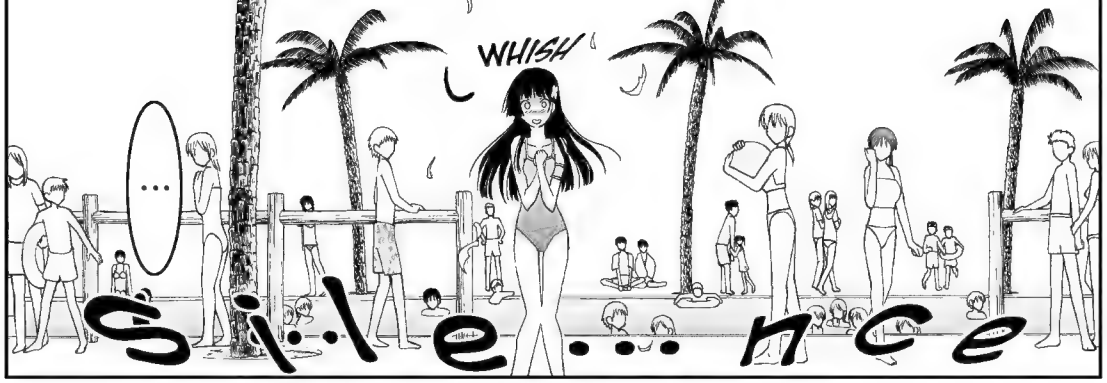
IF ONLY I COULD BE THAT AGG-RESSIVE ...

HEY, REA-CHAN, SINCE WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE...
WHOOSH
HUH ?

CHIHIRO, YOU OKAY WITH THAT TOO ?!
GLARE
... LET'S GO ALL OUT !!
I GOT IT ...

THUNK
POFF
OOF.
ZOMBIES HAVE A FEW FEATURES THAT DIFFER FROM THAT OF THE LIVING.
BOUNP
HERE IT GOES ...
HEY, REA... DON'T OVER-DO IT...
TAMP
THUMP
IT'S OKAY, I CAN GET IT!
REA-CHAN!
WHEEWW
OH!
BECAUSE THEY'VE DIED ONCE, THE FUNCTIONS CONTROLLING THE LIMITERS IN A ZOMBIE'S BRAINS DON'T WORK, SO...

aww
AARGHH
ohh
... THEY'RE ALWAYS ...
POW
...IN A STATE THAT GIVES THEM "EMERGENCY SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH" ...!!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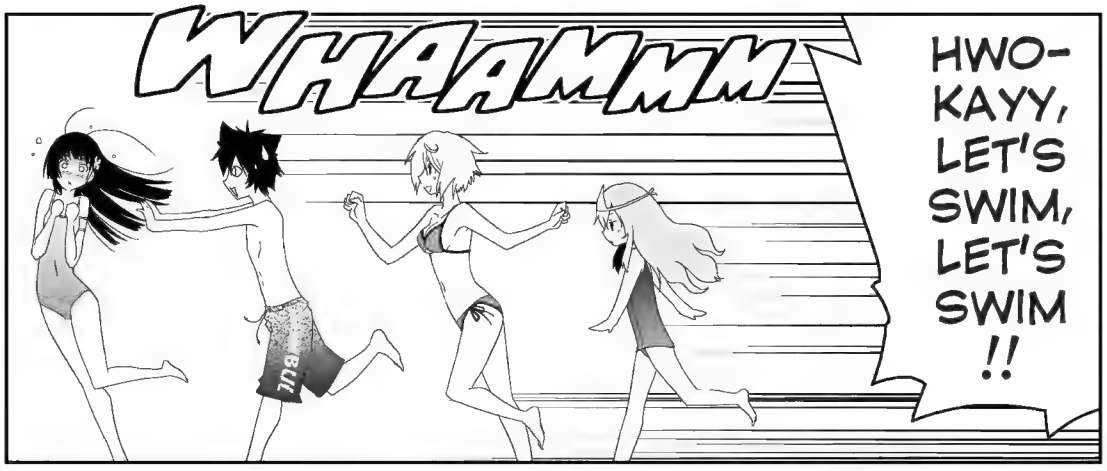
Si.le...nce


WHAAMMM
HWO-KAYY, LET'S SWIM, LET'S SWIM !!

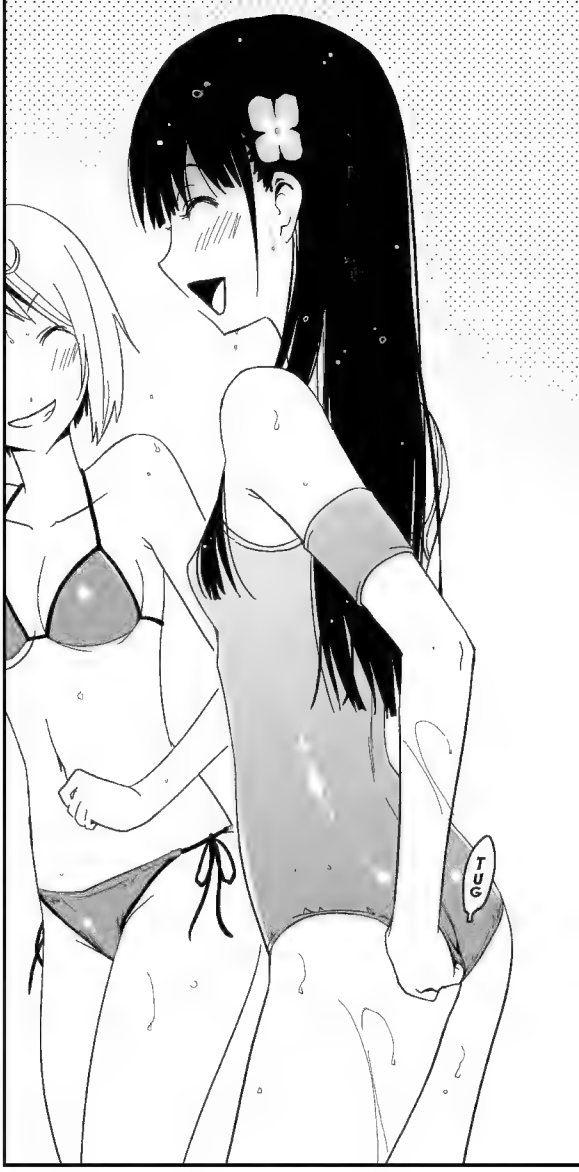
BAM
HEY, HEY, DON'T YOU WANT TO GO ON THAT? IT LOOKS FUN!
HUH... WHAT IS THAT ...?

TAP
TAP
I... I'M SORRY, I JUST...
YOU SEE? WHAT DID I TELL YOU ...?
TAP
OH!

LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE SLIDING DOWN IT...
EEEEEEK
HE-HEHE, THAT ...
...IS AN INSTRU-MENT OF TORTURE!
The Falling Water Torture.
he he he...
THUD
HUHH?
DON'T JUST TELL HER WHAT-EVER...
She takes it seriously, after all...
EEK
AH
AAAHHH
SHOOOO

SSHHHOO
AAAAAAHHHH!!
SPLOOOSHH
...EVEN LOOKING AT IT GIVES ME THE CHILLS...
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
GEEZ ...
EEK
EEK

...


TUG

HEY, YOU TOO, FURUYA-KUN !!
HUH ...?
TWIRL
REC

GOT IT.
N... NO WAY... GEEZ, MERO, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THIS FOR ME.
AHH, COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE SCARED ...?
TOSS

NO, I HAVE TO RECORD MY ZOMBIE OBSERVA-TIONS...
TUG
LET'S DO THIS "TOR-TURE" TOGETH-ER!!

REA-CHAN IS PRETTY AGG-RESSIVE DESPITE HER LOOKS, ISN'T SHE.
HM... NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT.
...I WONDER IF I SHOULD GO AT IT EVEN MORE AGGRES-SIVELY...
DASH
...
OH YEAH!! WAIT UP, YOU TWO!

MY, MY ...
THE BOTH OF THEM ...
SPL OOSH
REC
SLOOSH
ER... HUH? WHERE'S REA-CHAN?
HUH? WHERE DID SHE GO?
he he he...
I TOTALLY CAPTURED YOUR COMPELLING EXPRESSION, BROTHER.
WHY WOULD YOU EVEN RECORD ME?

HE HE ...
BLOOP...
glide
ZOMBIES DON'T NEED TO BREATHE, SO THEY CAN STAY SUBMERGED FOR A LONG TIME. IT FEELS SO NICE ...
I WONDER IF THERE WOULD BE A BIG COMMOTION IF EVERYONE KNEW I WAS A ZOMBIE?
a ha ha

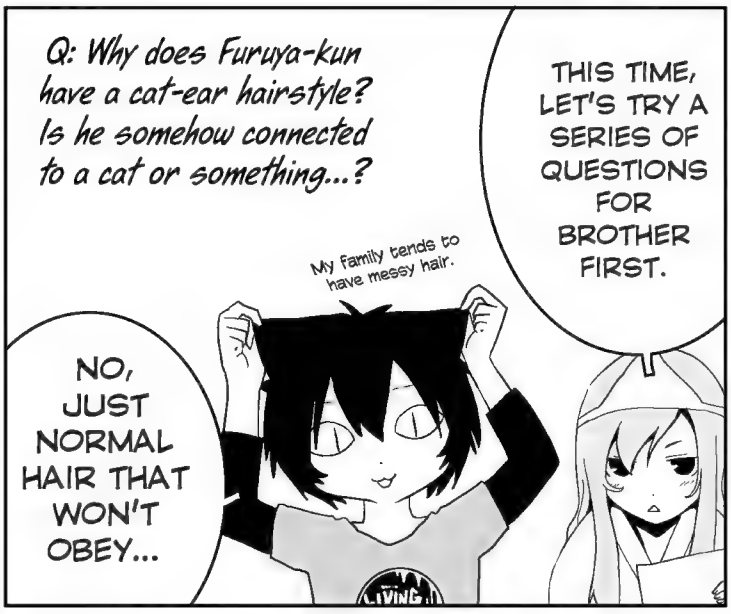
BLUB...
...I WONDER HOW LONG...
...I CAN KEEP ON LIKE THIS...
MY BODY...
...IS STARTING TO DECAY MORE AND MORE...
EVEN IF... MY BODY ROTS COMPLETELY...
I WONDER... IF...
...HE WOULD STILL LIKE ME...

LET'S FORGET ABOUT THOSE THOUGHTS FOR NOW...
NO ...
...
EEEEKK!!
S, S, S... SOMEONE'S DROWNED, THEY'RE DEAD!!
SPLOSH
glide...
OH ...?
Our eyes met ...
BLOOP...
ER, AH, YOU'RE WRONG. IT'S... I JUST ...
PLOOSH
GY-AA-HHH!
REA?!

TUG
CREAK...
AH... OKAY.
QUICK, GET OUT OF THE WATER !!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...?
CENSORED
CENSORED
RIPPP
CENSORED
CENSORED
IT WOULD BE NICE IF IT COULD CONTINUE THIS WAY...
THIS IS MY LIFE AS A ZOMBIE GIRL...
WAAHHH
A, A, AN ILLU-SION ...
TH, THAT... THIS IS JUST...
THE END

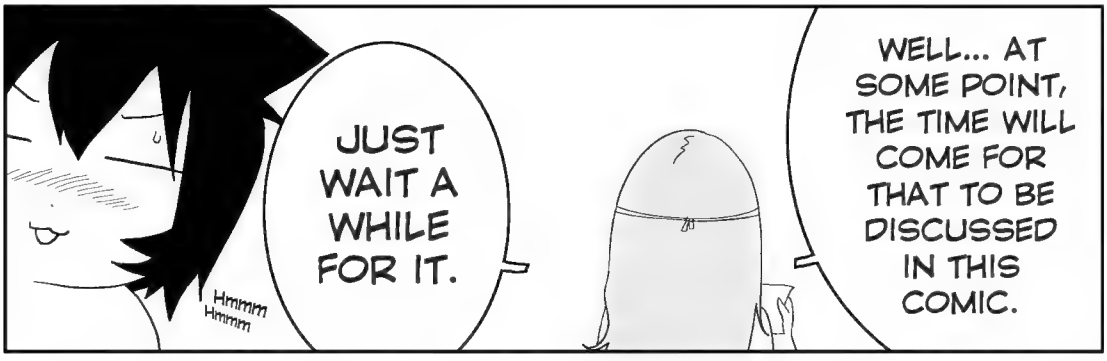
MERO'S ZEN RIDDLES
THIS SECURE, RE-ASSURING, STABLE, LAID-BACK SECTION ...
...HAS AN INCREASING NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS DUE TO THE ANIME RELEASE.
END-OF-VOLUME BONUS COMIC

Q: Why is Rea-chan always on the cover? I'd like to see a cover with Furuya-kun, too.
SANKAREA
MITSURU HATTORI
THE HEROINE IS A "ZOMBIE GIRL."
...I DON'T THINK IT WOULD SELL...


Q: Why does Furuya-kun have a cat-ear hairstyle? Is he somehow connected to a cat or something...?
THIS TIME, LET'S TRY A SERIES OF QUESTIONS FOR BROTHER FIRST.
My family tends to have messy hair.
NO, JUST NORMAL HAIR THAT WON'T OBEY...

Q: Doesn't Chihiro have any hobbies outside of zombies?
PLOOP
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL I WAS REALLY INTO EXPLORING URBAN RUINS.
THE RUINS OF THAT HOTEL IN EPISODE 1 WERE ONE OF THE PLACES I HAD VISITED BEFORE.
PLOOP

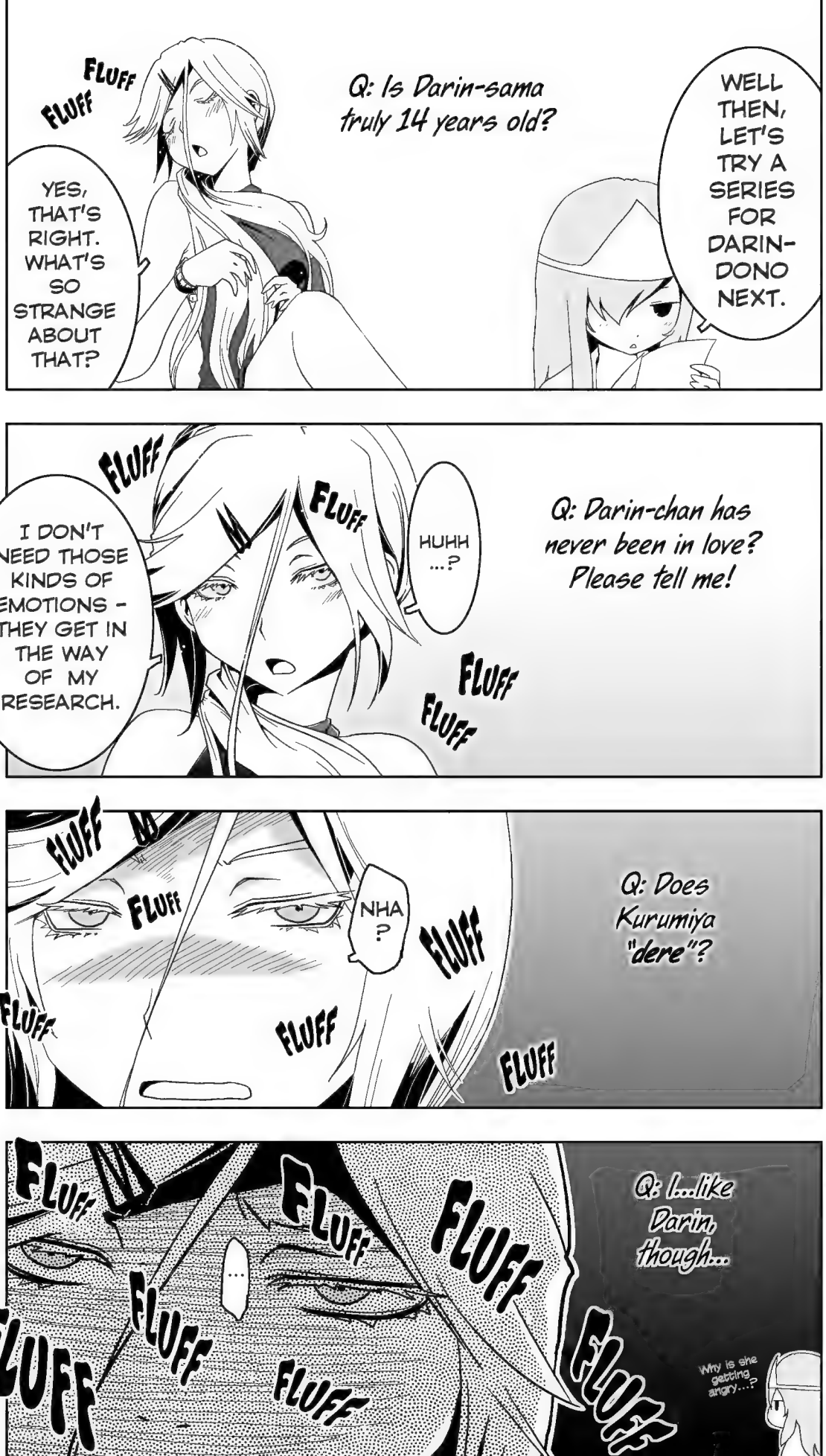
Q: What started Chihiro's love of zombies?
I WONDER WHAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN? HMMM... MERO, DO YOU KNOW? YOU DON'T, DO YOU.
I DO THINK THAT SOMETHING MUST'VE STARTED IT, THOUGH...
WELL, ACTUALLY I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER MYSELF.


JUST WAIT A WHILE FOR IT.
Hmmm Hmmm
WELL... AT SOME POINT, THE TIME WILL COME FOR THAT TO BE DISCUSSED IN THIS COMIC.

Q: Mero-san's friend, Shinoda Ichie. Is that a boy? Or a girl?
I'M EXACTLY WHAT I LOOK LIKE, I'M TELLING YOU!!
GWAHH
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOUR IMAGI-NATION.
ICHIE

I JUST... WORRY ABOUT FURUYA... KUN AS ANOTHER BOY...
AND UM ...
THAT'S ...ALL.
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOUR IMAGI-NATION.
SQUEEZE...

Q: Chihiro's friend, Mogi. Does he like Chihiro as a friend? Or perhaps as...?
WH ...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?! I JUST ...


FLUFF
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Q: Is Darin-sama truly 14 years old?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT. WHAT'S SO STRANGE ABOUT THAT?
WELL THEN, LET'S TRY A SERIES FOR DARIN-DONO NEXT.
FLUFF
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I DON'T NEED THOSE KINDS OF EMOTIONS - THEY GET IN THE WAY OF MY RESEARCH.
HUHH ...?
FLUFF
FLUFF
Q: Darin-chan has never been in love? Please tell me!
FLUFF
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NHA ?
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Q: Does Kurumiya "dere"?
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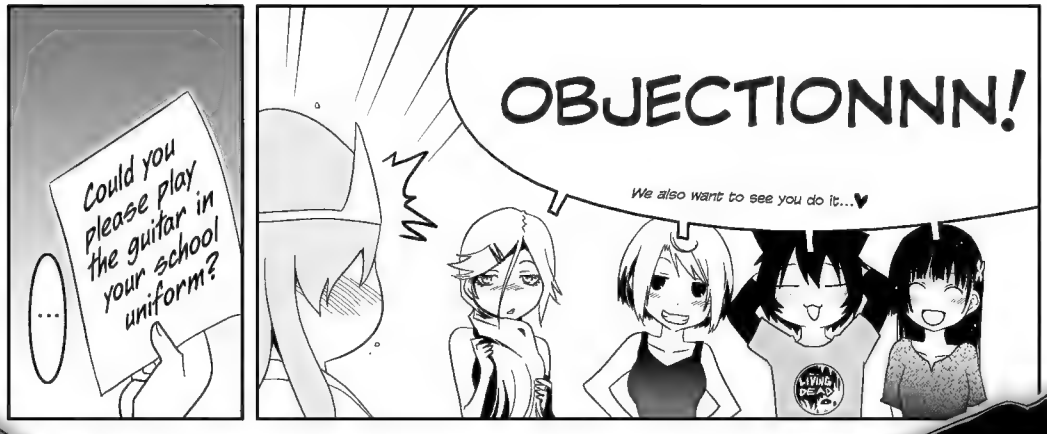
...
Q: I...like Darin, though...
Why is she getting angry...?



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(Put something like "Zen Riddles" or "Questions for Mero" in the subject line.)

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*Questions we couldn't answer this time may be picked up in the next volume or after, as well.

TRANSLATION NOTES

Honorifics: This series retains the Japanese honorifics. Here's a guide:
-san: Polite, equivalent to "Mr." or "Ms."
-sama: A term of great respect.
-kun: Used for boys or people in a lower position.
-chan: A sometimes cutesy term of endearment for girls.
-dono: A very respectful and now old-fashioned term.
-sempai: Refers to a student who entered school before you, or a colleague who entered the company before you. (The equivalent for your juniors is "kohai.")

p.165, "Dere":
This comes from the Japanese term tsundere, usually used to refer to a character who is generally cold towards their object of affection, but warms up over time. Since Kurumiya is generally a cold and somewhat insensitively scientific character (the tsun part of the term) the question about whether she "dere"s is asking if she'll warm up and be sweeter once she gets to know someone.

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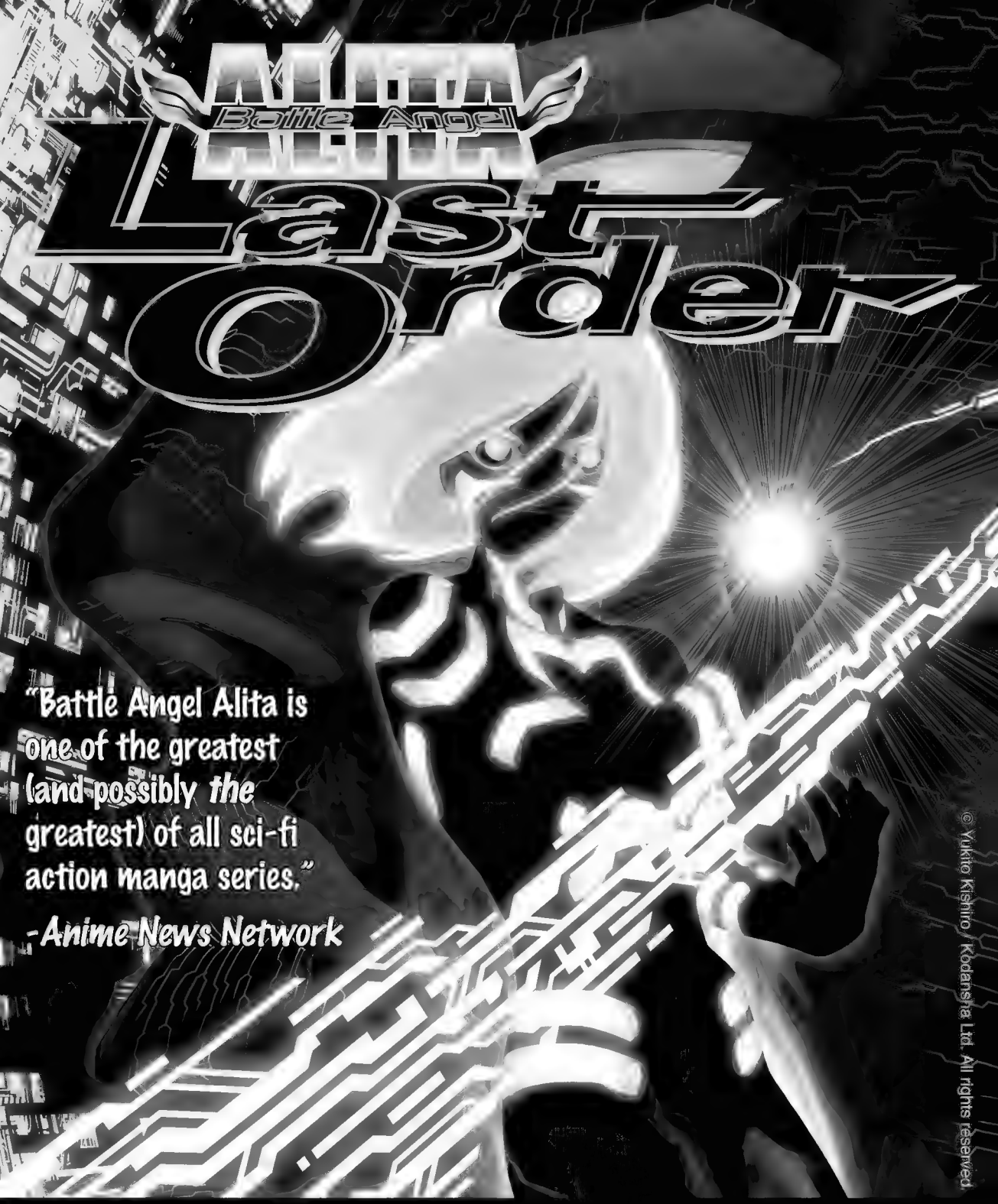

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claws or teeth to protect itself,
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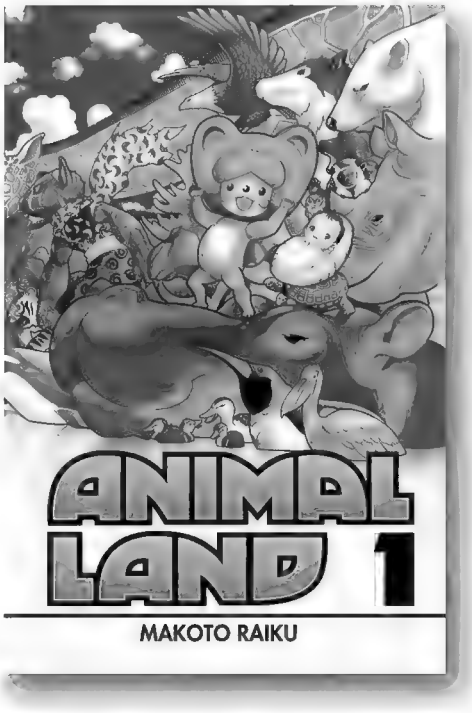
all the different animal.



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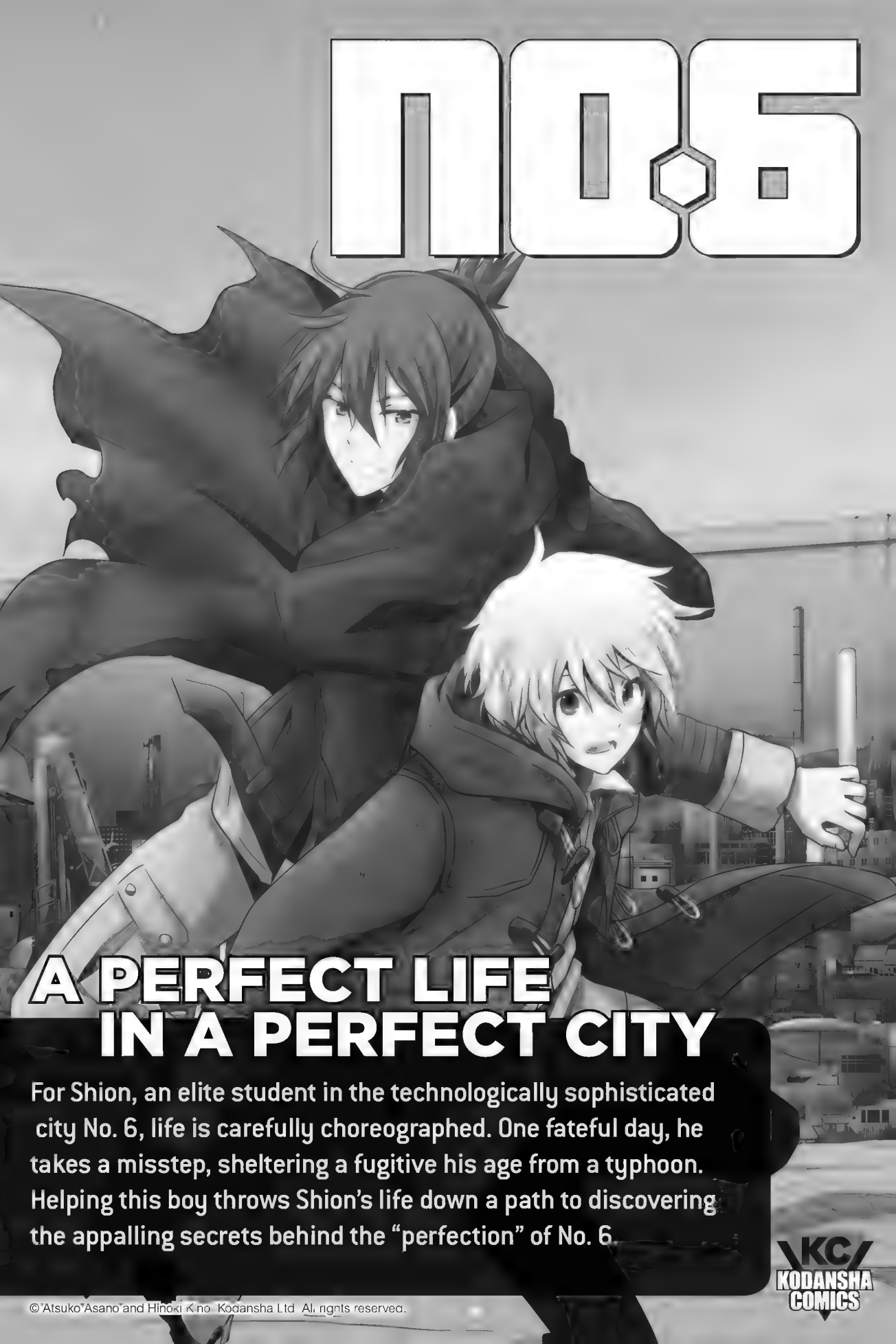

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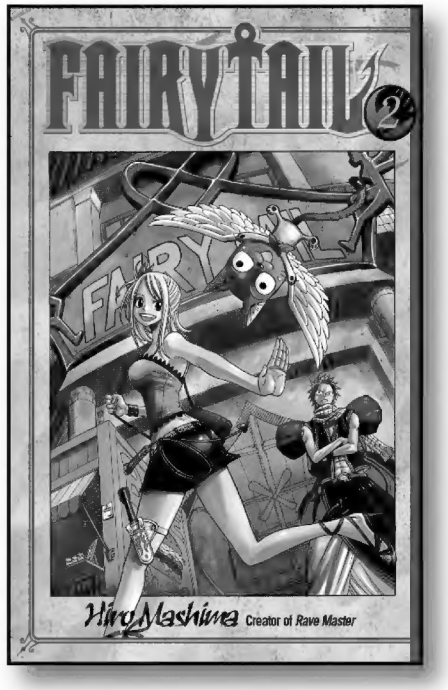

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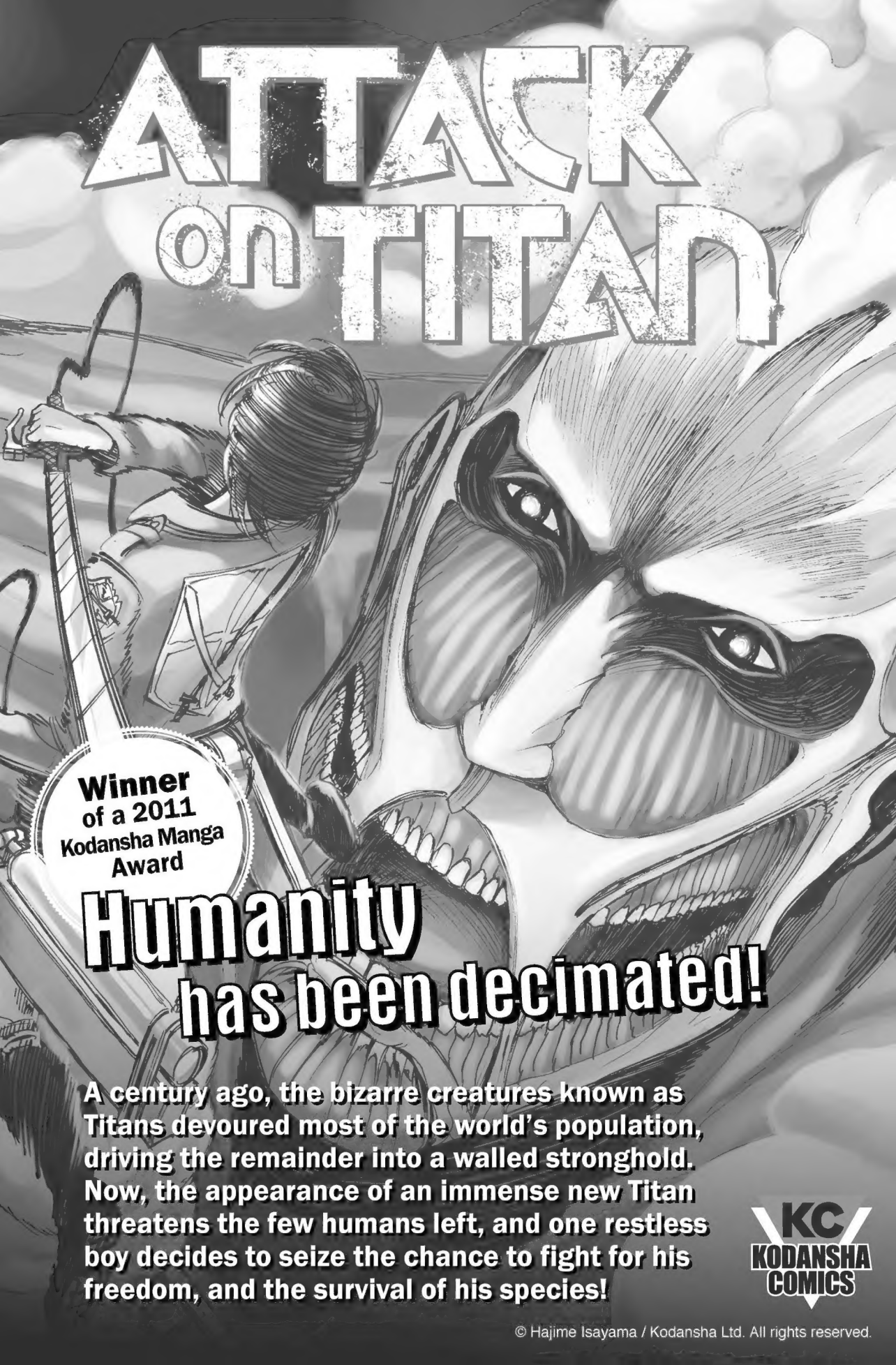

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